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SATURDAY February 1st 1947

Up 6.30 left making bed and washing up. Victoria in taxi taking Pussie's meat and soiled linen and to Amberley 9.15. Changed and had a drink Pulborough. Mr Head took me locally in taxi. Pussie in street greeting me wriggling with delight. Thick snow but kept dry in my snow boots. Saw [illegible] to talk Charley. Water all turned off and no appointment any ye[t]. Blazing fire in sitting room. [illegible] Mrs [illegible] has been ill with gastric flu but better brought bread milk & butter. Down to [illegible], got extra money and stamps. Stamped cards and made up wages book. Welsh rarebit at old Bakery. Drink at Black Horse and sandwiches from Bonds at home. Opened letters paid bills etc. Returned letter to [illegible] from Nativity marked "deceased". Comforted Pussie. [illegible] came for me at 5. for 5.10 train. Read [illegible] MacB's [illegible] in train. Dinner Athenaeum. Home 8.30. Domestic work, bed.

Sunday February 2nd 1947

First Sunday in London practically for years. Slept late & up late for a break & rest. Cold and snowing. Kept good fire in sitting room. Did not settle down till 8.12 [illegible] all domestic work to do. Tel. Highgate school and left message for Peter that I would be at Athenaeum for lunch. After [illegible] through in my snow boots. Good lunch inc: Danish blue cheese. Peter called 2.45 and after discussion we went to Zoo where we trudged about looking at the odd animals out of doors and the glorious lions and tigers in their houses. Good tea & finished at ~~[illegible]~~ Camden Town tube. Home. Looked by fire and [illegible] Marguerite's. After [illegible] Marguerite's letter. W. [illegible] letters etc. Dinner Omelette & Cheese. Sent NLT to G. Bon Voyage & also Cathcarts [illegible] Owners [illegible]. Took me almost ½ hour at P.O. to decide what to say. Home [illegible] [illegible]. Bed

Monday Feb. 3rd 1947
Much milder. up 7.15
Tel. Mrs Lipid, Mrs ... about
Fern. Vis Helmuth's representative.
W. Marguerite Hunter returning
her [illegible] as she asked and
[illegible], with suggestions for re-
vision. W. Weinstein about Marks
trust, and other matters. To
Faculty for lunch, and got a
bottle of gin at A.&N. meant to
take one to N. [illegible]. Spent most
of afternoon [illegible] to Mattys
and receiving his revision of
my description of Letter [illegible].
Dined Barts [illegible], and part
at Plough. Spent most of
evening reading Malcolm
Robertson's reminiscences in
typescript. Speaks favourably
of his German mother and
relations. W. draft letter to
him about it as far as I
have got. Much milder and
rain most of the day.

Tuesday Feb. 4th 1947

Up 6.30 [illegible] hut(?) built coal fire as usual. Copied Quotes for Paul's [illegible] Ralegh V. Tel. R. Beecham(?) about O's return. Tel. fr. Conrad [illegible]. Tel. Antoinette for lunch Thurs. or Fri. 3rd choice Thurs. Tel. Tell about L.H. Myers & my letter to agents. O. Maurice [illegible] about [illegible] fee [illegible] to Mrs Sladen. Conrad admires Q.E. Quite [illegible] A.M. Tel. C. that I am coming to [illegible] Sissinghurst(?) to help [illegible]. J. MacC. at home ill with influenza. Lunch Home [illegible] Bar and found hot-house grapes from [illegible] for 7/6. Revised Evelyn & Italian not [illegible] [illegible] light. Signed letters. Tel. Tell about Leo Myers [illegible] that he had put in Watt's hands. John [illegible] Moira's(?) where he got [illegible]. Paul's wife and I left him [illegible] taken Moira a bottle of gin. Talked to [illegible] & [illegible] until I felt faint from standing. Dinner [illegible]

Wednesday February 5th 1947
up 6.40 Finished breakfast
and all 9.30. W. Tell
draft letter about Myers right.
James still at home with cold
W.P.C. Charley. Dannon [illegible]
S.D. Tel. Mrs Lynd [illegible] long
bringing [illegible] & [illegible] and
would like her husband. This
gave her a chance to [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Said her [illegible] [illegible]
for [illegible] anywhere. Talked to
Francis [illegible] singing and re
long [illegible] letter to Helen.
W.P.C. Mrs [illegible] asking for bread
milk & butter. Sandwiches at
snack place opp. Museum St. To
[illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible]. Mr Clark out. [illegible] Park
Pl. & arranged [illegible] [illegible] all
to Y.W.C.A. Mr [illegible] advised New
[illegible] for Helen [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] no cramped. Then [illegible]
[illegible] St. [illegible] right. W.
Helen about it and another to her
[illegible] glass beads. [illegible].
Dinner [illegible] St. Spent evening
sewing buttons on jacket and [illegible]
[illegible]. Bed 11.

Thursday February 6th 1947

Up 6.30. More snow in
night. Long letter from Harald
Rasmussen? [illegible] [illegible] my [illegible]
of the [illegible] [illegible] Violet. [illegible] Magnus
and asking for my expert [illegible]
Caps [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
W. C. Banks & B. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Q.E. Tel. Leslie [illegible] W.
[illegible] Banks. W. Barnes. Got ready
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. James Cooper [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] & 15 C. paid. Certainly
very handsome. To Claridge's [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. James on way to Smith.
[illegible] Antoinette saw him.
To Garage for snow-boots
& lumber jacket for Peter.
Talk James about [illegible] Cabinet
stories and about a book on
religion. Tel. Leslie & [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of my [illegible]. [illegible]. [illegible]. Signed
letters and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Prof [illegible] - with [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. Shaw? [illegible] [illegible]
shops. Dinner [illegible] - talked to [illegible]
Magistrate. Read papers - death of Mrs
[illegible] [illegible] American Ambassador.

Friday February 7th 1947
Woke 7.45. Couldn't get hot water. Brief cold bath. Very late starting. Times reported death of Hans Fallada. Long talk James about our dependence on few good authors. Tel. to W. Mag Maltby about Orchard ills. W. Bruce Runciman Curtis agreement. Lunch House above Bar and grapes. Tel. Cunard - Am Ex. To Am Ex and bought ticket to S'hampton. Tel. C. on Q.E. Warmed up tea. W. draft letter Lennox Robinson urging him to write novel of English in New Zealand. Dined Burke St. Rest at Plough. This life offers too inadequate for work. Telephoned Leslie early this morning about E.H. picture rate. Very cold today and snow lying caked on pavements. Cable from Alberta C. has taken to herself; says she will miss her terribly. Nice fire in my room but papers say desperate coal situation. W. Mrs Aldersey

Saturday February 8th 1947
Up 6.30 made bed and fire and
did everything except wash up.
Ann and got a taxi and just
caught the 9.15 bus. Not
drinking water in Cowbridge
where the roads were clear of snow.
Bus around at Ambleny where
Douglas met me. Taxi, to
back at cottage. Water still off.
Spent did fire in sitting room. Made
no water. Also ill, Chet - Cotter
brought him round etc. Chatting
say. None of men except [illegible] have
been round for 3 weeks, but [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Mr Leetis has come round
days. Snow all over garden and no
flowers. Down to square for stamps
and [illegible]. Left cheque at Stores
for next weeks wages. Lunch at
Mrs Turner's and [illegible]. Opened
letters and [illegible] wages [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] with [illegible]. [illegible]
Cass. Mrs [illegible] came back! Same!
[illegible]. Cooked [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] 5.10 home. Dinner [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Bed 11.15

Sunday February 9th 1947
up 7.0 E. Snow showers in night
and everything quite white. Tel.
Mr Bill for Betty not a come
in. W. Respanda. Packed
bag. etc for Park Place
Lunch Chenick Harold
Collins. To Park Place to
see flat, Northern aspect
and small - very commodious
To Lyons Corner House on
account of Parks and got
daffodils and pink & blue
hyacinths and took them to
flat. Back to offices.
W. Cerry, Norton and
Buckinghams of Bath Transf
me [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
cold. Finished packing. Took
down luggage to Summers Garret
moved flats again. Posted letters
Called for luggage in taxi to Park
Place. Flat cleaned and fear
G. won't like it. Got porter to
show me about gas fire. Snow
melting and sleet. Taken ill [illegible]

Monday February 10th 1947
Up 6.30 o'c and finished wrapping and all in time to go by bus to Uppers Col. Bath & face towels for C. Bread board and knife, cork. alum and Cameraphone stains and letters and back to flat by 9.30. Taxi to Waterloo, long queue for train already at 10 o'c. Train left at 10.30. Arrived S'hampton at 12.15. To Maritime Chambers – presented Mr Russell's letter to Mr Cattrell who passed me to Mr Goodrich of Cunard S.R. Station where waiter lent me pair of soap. Washed in station lavatory. Back to Cunard office and bus to dock where at last the great RMS Q.Elizabeth loomed in through the fog. Mr Chadwick in crowd. C. saw me and waved up and down and away like Aunt Mary. Wonderful. Among first on board. Met C. on Main Deck. We wept in each other's arms. Sat in her stateroom no. 39. Where Mr Goodrich found us. took us ashore and through Customs. C. nothing to pay. Long collecting luggage and great chaos of fruit & gross Cara Cabbin. First boat train. Very cold long wait for luggage Waterloo. Flat – dinner – Crumble. Talk – more talk. Bed 12.

Tuesday February 11th, 1947

[illegible] 70°C. I had breakfast first and then G. had hers in bed. [illegible] to telephoned to Gladdy Wyndham (and) telephoned to James. We talked till 12.30 when she dressed and I took her [illegible] to back [illegible] letter of [illegible]. First showed Barnes yellow gold bracelet to Mr Frank Davis who said [illegible] wants 23 pounds. [illegible] Holmes on [illegible] and [illegible] very difficult to work with. On to office. Found letter fr. [illegible] on [illegible] which approving my [illegible] for [illegible]. [illegible] about it. Discussed my letter to [illegible] about his short-stories [illegible] and his letter to [illegible] about a book on [illegible] and religion. Very cold in office and uncomfortable in my tight [illegible]. My [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Signed letters and home 6.15. G. had delightful luncheon with Sir [illegible] Gladys Robertson and Antoinette, all very affectionate. Opened Cora Rothman's [illegible] box of [illegible] and [illegible] stuff. Dinner in [illegible] and [illegible] after. Looked at Kate's [illegible]

photographs now. I suppose [illegible]

Wednesday February 12th
Slept well. C. woke up in the
night with cramps in her legs so
had for some time she could not
get them. I got up at 8.15.
Bath etc. Breakfast 9.30. Talked
and made plans. Left for office about
11 o'c. Stopped at bank and left
C.'s American money with other
valuables. Office and read letters
etc. W.C. Tel. Received letter from
Robinson. Very cold in office and
put coat on. Kept my feet very
fairly comfortable. Lunch. Went to
Bon. Got his lotion. Came around
at Gallagher. Call for [illegible]
of Dutton's. Mr. West came in looking
very ill. Tel. Fisher of C.'s [illegible]
Bank that she had returned. [illegible]
[illegible] another contract [illegible].
Cabled Cannes [illegible] Sargent [illegible]
[illegible]. Taxi. Came home
with me. [illegible] had a very good day
to C. I gave her diamond [illegible]
hat pin [illegible]. [illegible]
game [illegible]. Tel. [illegible]
about [illegible] her for
[illegible] home. [illegible]
a [illegible]. C. and I talked money and
plans. Bed 10.45

Thursday February 13th 1947

up 8.0°C Breakfast 9.15. Packed by
me with bread butter, cheese spread
[illegible] jam, oranges, apples & bananas
from Cyril Radcliffe's wonderful
box. Office about 11.0°C. My room
warm [illegible] good fire but rest
office cold. [illegible] lunches [illegible]
[illegible] enough cups for one more
morning & 2 [illegible] [illegible], so
decided to close office tomorrow.
James and Sidney left. Reading [illegible]
paper control. Letter from Limerick
about Robin de Winton, [illegible] stay
N. draft reply. Talk [illegible] about
not [illegible] all [illegible]
[illegible]. Tel. [illegible] [illegible] 9 Capt.
about my taking [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
from Watt as arranged by Tel.
Confirmed plan with Tel and [illegible]
Lindsay boiled egg and [illegible] [illegible].
brought; Tel [illegible] B. and mother at
22 Eaton [illegible]. No central heating
so would not do. Craft in [illegible] to
[illegible] [illegible] and apples by [illegible];
N. draft letters to [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], and to Russell & Co.
[illegible]. Tel. to Simmons. Letter [illegible]

Friday February 14th 1947
up 8 o'c. Grape fruit again for
breakfast. Proofs Con Robbins's box
office 11.30. Letter from Helen, is
bringing a Lancaster car. Talk w.
James about price of Eveline's [illegible]
[illegible] because without looking into
it he wanted to reduce author's
royalty. Cable fr. Curran. Agreed
with Curran to deliver April 7th
Further on current [illegible] pass-
ment for Paris. Lunch again with
[illegible] eggs and [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] in Capitol
Street. Then talk w. James about
E. [illegible] prices, profits and royalty.
Also about his trip to Germany
w. trade group. Spoke of [illegible]
along w. [illegible] and [illegible] W. up
of [illegible] analysis on same values. Wrote
letter to Helen telling her that McCann
of [illegible] Library was a mulatto
[illegible] [illegible] of his poem who was also
a [illegible]. [illegible] p.c. to Charley and and
cheque to Lloyd [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] came to dinner. Pleasant
talk and G. almost forgot his [illegible]
[illegible]. Read [illegible] in New Statesman
with [illegible] only. [illegible] of any [illegible]
[illegible] if in [illegible], [illegible] &
[illegible] from [illegible].

SATURDAY February 13th 1943

up 6.45 and finished everything in good time for 9.18 train to Camberley. Taxi to Victoria. Took [illegible] [illegible]. very cold day and cold in train. Read Times. Changed at [illegible] and had lemonade at Buffet [illegible] as they could not change a pound & I had only 4d in coins. Wells [illegible] frozen. G. had [illegible] getting back. [illegible] Bert took our tickets. Douglas [illegible] met us in taxi. As we drove along Church St [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] passed us. Must have been Charley's [illegible] Mr Black. I stopped and got out and he stopped and turned back [illegible] [illegible] in car and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible] got money [illegible] [illegible] Stores and [illegible] came to [illegible] and waved to G. Mrs [illegible] greeted us at cottage. lovely fire in cottage [illegible]. [illegible] up [illegible] and paid [illegible]. Mr [illegible] came in and talked to G. To [illegible] got [illegible] for [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] & left [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] Mr [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] poached eggs [illegible] had lunch [illegible] [illegible].

Sunday February 16th 1947
up 8.30 Still cold and growing
colder. C. & I talked after break-
fast. Frances is not accepted in
Winnipeg because of her grocery
connections and middle class relations
and she minds. Says she had two
chances in her life of social
success and threw them both away.
Talked until time to go to Wyndhams
for lunch. Edward and Gladdie
Maggie Ursula Mark & Anne.
C. made great hit with her
story of talk with communist
at Caxton Hall when she went
to get ration book and spent 1½
hours in queue. Man was natural
and appreciative. Long wait for
taxi to Baker St. I went to
Lincolns, fruit of Christopher Pl.
Back to flat to write while C. visited
local [illegible] Office for Home [illegible]
showing [illegible] etc. Walked back.
C & I tea. Then [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] excellent. Dinner
with Fern without dressing.
very pleasant evening with her at
her most natural & appreciative.

Monday February 17th 1947

up 7.30. Skies as east and
sunrise as usual. Breakfast
9.30 after quick but [illegible]
bath etc. To shave etc. Many
[illegible] [illegible] and
got out vegetables from
Ambeckle [illegible] [illegible]. Stopped at
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] two [illegible]
[illegible] flat. [illegible] 12 m.
Dictated to John [illegible]. Read
and annotated Bruce's book. Boiled
eggs for lunch with the another [illegible] and
apple I had brought. Sat wrapped in
blankets & coat before feeble electric
fire. Dictated to Miss C. returning
Phelps's [illegible] volumes. To [illegible] [illegible]
very cold. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] at [illegible]
and [illegible] Palmedry. Back to flat
C. out at film "[illegible] for [illegible]." [illegible]
by Jacquelin [illegible] now in United
Nations & came to Kate Christening.
C. came in soon after and we had
vegetables [illegible] (I had brought from
Ambeckle for dinner, but [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] were [illegible]
[illegible] cooked and no onions except
a little flavouring of potatoes and soup.
Finished much [illegible] [illegible].

STILL COLD

Tuesday February 18th 1947

up 7.45. Talk to [illegible]
about Canadian job. She is
depressing to talk to. Stays
somewhat indefinite. G.
had her talk with [illegible]
at office. [illegible] Mr. G. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] has taken [illegible] from
an agency who [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. Read [illegible]
book making small revisions.
Lunch sandwiches from home & [illegible].
Went to Mr. Bird. Discussed
[illegible] ticket. Talk [illegible]
about [illegible] who
said to be alive. Decided to go
ahead with [illegible] and send his
copies with money when ready.
Send letter to Mrs Slahm. Sent
[illegible] his [illegible] books. Left
[illegible] Livingstone's [illegible]
[illegible] Photography shop.
Walked home [illegible]
[illegible] much [illegible]
[illegible] that [illegible]
somewhat indefinite. [illegible]
[illegible] to Eddie's for dinner
[illegible] Eddie [illegible]. Home [illegible]

[illegible] Wedding [illegible]

STILL COLD

Wednesday February 19th

up 6.45. Dressed & went to Kay breakfast; Office 10.30 Presided on the coal fuel [illegible] so as to [illegible] agreement; Tea [illegible] C. [illegible] W. [illegible] [illegible] his [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Peter N. [illegible] C. at [illegible] found with his [illegible] Collection & [illegible] at [illegible] Loans [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Edward W. [illegible] Calum [illegible] Smalls [illegible] [illegible] Polly Mersey; Ethel Walsh Clifford Smiths et al. also [illegible] [illegible] very [illegible] [illegible] up [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] or black [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] applies. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for Peter. Crown R.A.C. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible]. Mr [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]; [illegible] [illegible] P.C.G. [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] Call [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

STILL cold and more snow

Thursday February 20th

up 7.45. Could not find blue shirt — it was under mattress. Took and- weekly pills, Bought 400 [illegible] for Q. Office [illegible]. Told James how [illegible] & Ukraine[illegible]'s story. [illegible] [illegible]. Tel. [illegible] John D. Wong about [illegible]. Settled down to write letter to Carmen. Spent [illegible] Boiled egg for lunch. [illegible] apple & sandwich. Tel. [illegible] boy named Macallum at [illegible] who wants to get into another firm [illegible] was advised to write to me. [illegible] Mercedes [illegible] named Sydney [illegible] Alberta. After lunch spent all the afternoon writing to Carmen. Looked at letters written by John inclined to be poor spirited either [illegible] or [illegible]; chilblains in right foot [illegible] to walk [illegible] 20 [illegible] took a bus [illegible] [illegible] Mrs [illegible] [illegible] had been to France [illegible] about [illegible] and [illegible] girl. John had spoken [illegible] about it and I [illegible] [illegible] little [illegible] cold dark weather [illegible] England

Friday February 21st

A day of continued cold and snow. Up 7.00. Finished light at office and bathed water out of bath 9.45. Received my copy of letter to Cassels from Mrs Li Chek and spent an hour pursuing it. Reviewed Watson & Phelp with Sidney and also brought 5 points list. Sidney has no gift for this art. Discussed art work re. James. Worked on Bruce. Lunch egg + sandwiches. Big parcel of eatables arrived sent from N.Y. by C. Worked most of afternoon on Bruce which I find good and interesting. Kav Cook stayed late to finish Cassels letter. Got sandwiches for tomorrow at shop along Oxford St.

Posted letters at West Central office and home in bus. C. had been to lunch again at Premier's. After dinner read Times & Standard and then long new annotations. Snow thick on ground again

Saturday, February 22nd COLD

up 7 o'c. Ground white w. thick snow. G. decided to come with me to Amberley – got up at 8. We both wore snow boots and took rug and hot water bottle. Porter failed to get a taxi but I got one first in time to St. C. St. Did not see Peter on train. Comfortable journey w. carriage to ourselves. Changed at P'boro. Just before Amberley Peter came into our carriage. Douglas took us to cottage in taxi. Made up envelopes and paid men. W. cheques for next week when I will not come down if it is still cold. Tel Arundel Police station about my residence. G. and I to House to make it look well if John D. Woods man comes to view it. Luncheon hot cocoa poached eggs, fresh bread and sandwiches. G. and I washed up. G. usted while Peter cards. Then Peter and I stamped. G. went in taxi to see Viola. I called on Mrs Read with Peter about combining him. She might take Alex Newell, Jim, & Humphrey. Left. G.'s washing w. Mrs Hirst

Tea at home 5.10. To Bed at … w. Peterson (?)

(?) … dinner. Walked (?)

Sunday February 23rd

Warmer with several hours of sun. Wrapped up Paxie's purse [illegible] and took it to Cranmer Rd P.O. but they do not take parcels on Sunday so I had to bring it back but I was glad to have been out in the sunshine. Brought back Observer and Sunday Times. C. & I to luncheon with Edward Wyndhams. [illegible] freshly peppery sauce, and [illegible] Mrs Stanley, [illegible] and [illegible]. She was brought by her brother-in-law Lord Ormonde and fetched after luncheon by Lady Mary Ward. Took Gladdie 2 bars of Bakers Chocolate. Mrs Stanley had been in Arizona with [illegible] and Helen when she left. Said her brother-in-law [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]. Lady Mary [illegible] the idea of the Cadogans [illegible] to the [illegible] of U.S.A. C. & I to exhibition of King's pictures were large & interesting collection but not notable for works of art. Back to flat for tea. C. rested and I worked on [illegible] book. After dinner studied catalogue of King's pictures. Papers say there will be restriction in use of gas on which we depend for warmth, unless voluntary saving of gas.

12 Monday February 24th 1947

Up 7.45. Had been waken 4.30 by curious grip cramp in my right shoulder against which I had put a hot water bottle all night; Wash sandwiches for lunch; C. telephoned Stubbings Foreign Consul about to [illegible] fine service. Yellow fog lifted 11 o'C. W. dept. letters of Lemon returning his short stories; Bill returning questionnaire about Peter's vocational guidance. Cassels about Hannah's legacy. Newman sending Lady Cruger's & promising Bruce's book. Walked on Bench. Lunch sandwiches & egg. Tel. James & John about Shalimar [illegible] East Grace. Tel. fr. Kenmore about book containing Shirley Church for C.R.M. Tel. fr. Peter back at Hughes after cold early morning journey. Walked round [illegible] cold. C. came in a little later after going again to [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] on Butler storage receipts from Ministry of Works. Bed 12.30

Tel. fr. Rowntree 3D, Bolton Castle [illegible] 2nd

Tuesday Feb. 25th 1947.
Morning and sun came in
and Office 11.00 C. Stopped
at Phillips's for Cat book but
it met. W. Ogle [illegible]
[illegible] about eighty
[illegible] [illegible] among [illegible]
[illegible] for Clarence Wyndham
W. Mrs Trevelyan about Peter.
W. Geo. [illegible] about [illegible]
book. Lunch Ath. Cat Clapper
at [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Cat [illegible]
cherry Berry & lemon [illegible]
[illegible] Purchases at [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] club
for lunch. Left [illegible]
[illegible]. Assistant [illegible] and
[illegible] was displeased. Back
[illegible]. Signed letters. Built
up [illegible] James told me
[illegible] plans with Adrian
Siepman [illegible] [illegible] work
of S & [illegible] [illegible] about [illegible].
W. Anne de Winter about her husband
assassination. G. [illegible] out at film

Wednesday February 26th

Rainy gummy morning but cold. Up 7:30 Walked down-town. In office 10:20. Wrote letter to Mr Malley and Natl. Prod. Bank, Taken down [illegible] stairs — shirts jacket and hats about town. Stuffed letters and papers. Talked about elections by car [illegible] Caulked; John asked if I could get him a bottle of gin which I can't also if I could get him into Garrick which I don't want to. Clarke read letter from [illegible] about boats. He suggests Easter in Bermuda. Walks thinks it's Oct.-no own [illegible] Lunch in office sandwiches & eggs w. H. Maunlaughn. Talks [illegible] about Sumo! Call from Raymond [illegible], introduced him to John. Signed letters. Walked home. Muriel [illegible] had been [illegible] C. and Eleanora had had cerebro-spinal meningitis.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Thursday Feb. 27th
Slept late. Up 9.30
C. and I had slightly strained
talk about plans. Of course
she wants to go to
England and the [illegible]
are here in Switzerland
on her money and think
an unfurnished flat in
London would help her feel
Office 10.30. W. Mr Bell [illegible]
U. suggests Mac. 11. W. Marty
Talk Miss Mead who is rather
very hopeful & urgent. 30
[illegible] on [illegible] in James
Started letter to Minter about
N.Y. agency. Stopped for
lunch in office [illegible]
[illegible]. Manfield
[illegible] on Corners and this
continued letter to Minter.
Home 6.15 and found
C. C. having a drink with
their [illegible] Mrs Sewell.
After dinner copied out
letter to Minter. Bed. 12 o'c

[illegible]

Friday Feb. 28th 1947
Up 7.30 Damp & Spring[?]
to Ashdane[?] and dept. car.
Office 10.30 W.: draft
letters John McN., Rabbi Damm[?]
telling him Rusk[?] likes jacket
for [illegible] & [illegible] Diamond & K. John
asking him W Mack, [illegible]
[illegible] enclosing $100.
Newton translations eight and
Summer Putnam. W. P.C.
Chandler not coming this week
end but hopes to stay Feb. 27[?]
C. came to office and saw my
rooms. Luncheon with her in Baker
St. & she talked Italian to signora
King and gave talk re. [illegible] &
Mrs Sillery. Talk Calderon about
N.Y. agency. He spoke to Keller[?] from
N.Y. about U.S.A. accounts taken
over commissions which James had
arranged without consulting me.
I saw James & [illegible] at Chis.
Walked home. Weather damp and
cold. After dinner worked a bit on
Bruce but too sleepy to go on.

SATURDAY March 1st 1947

up 8.30 too late for [illegible]
but after breakfast to look for
flats. Wm [illegible] the [illegible]. At 37
South Street referred to head office
19A. Cavendish Square where Dr
Agden has his office. Took only
name. Then out to flats in [illegible]
[illegible] road by the church. Very nice
head porter who might I think
have done something for me only
building was [illegible] said [illegible]
was going to flats in Hampstead
Then to Berkeley Square, nice [illegible]
Mr. Porter but nothing doing
Back to 9 Park Lane Gardens
with E. From there we went to
[illegible] Spanish Pictures at
National Gallery. After pictures
saw Alice [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] & I walked down for
mandarins and lemon squash.
Back for tea. Then call E [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] late for dinner.
Evening at [illegible]

[illegible]

SUNDAY March 2nd. Up 7.30 Sore throat better. Worked on Bruce and at 12 [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] down to [illegible] flat 21 guineas instead of 12. John arrived 10°C in [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]. Out with him [illegible] Ritz Grill. Back [illegible] and [illegible] and sitting room [illegible] and on Blue Bull yard. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Bruce [illegible] [illegible] cold and I got asthmatic pains in my chest. Tea and [illegible] [illegible] to Matthews in [illegible] Place. They got [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] had to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ground floors and cut [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] dining room. Drinks with Robert & Dianna and [illegible] Mamie & [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] a [illegible]. [illegible] back after [illegible] in [illegible] Square. After dinner, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] on Bruce. [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] bed-room & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as dining room

Monday 3rd March.
Up: 7.30. Misty. Was dusting & sitting room. Went up. Posted up Sunday for the Week and despatched it from Office. Took James about telephone with Newspaper. Wrote letters to Lydia and W. Cassius. Gazette by mistake in Mrs Clarke. First letter to him. C. company paid [illegible] but [illegible] left to him. I had telephoned to tell him that Dorward will have luncheon on Wednesday. Later Tel. again and she had found him. Luncheon Bakers St. Signed letters. Worked on Banks w. Tahrs. W. Till & Banks about interest. Home 6.0. So big lunch that I could not eat more than a bite of dinner. Ear throat much better but room seemed cold. Worked on Bruce. Designed plan for unfurnished flat.
Bed 12.30.

Tuesday March 4th

up 7 o'c. Shaved, Bath ex-
ice man Grunky & had
breakfast good. Office 10.20
Still cold and no sun. Talk
Grunseyt about West's expenses
W. Cole. Long talk James
about coming publications
and made list of our commitments.
Lunch egg & [illegible]
w. list of coming books. Can't
accept anything more this year
but James still wants to start
for new authors. W. M. & Agnes
of Hoskealey [illegible] with checks
to take of [illegible] requirements
T. A. Jr. Desmond can't come to
lunch. T. A. C. Lady Calvin has
asked us to lunch. Spent
at his luncheon club

worked on statement of Mrs West's
expenses. [illegible] Snow worse and out
home in a blizzard. Drink before dinner
Read Times and marked the Bruce
Took down curtain so that we could
look into old time Blue Ball [illegible]

Got a lamp clamps for supports for apple [illegible]

Wednesday March 5th 1947
Snow stuck thick on roofs and
railings in Blue Ball yard. Up 7.15
[illegible] Parts to offices. Thick
slush on pavements. Tel. fr.
Moura back after comfortable
and successful visit to Italy.
Gave her C's number. Tel. fr. the
silly friend who never delivered
her letter and forgive me [illegible].
Call fr. C. had heard Mrs.
Maher about letter. Decided
with Miss C. up in my room, which
is pleasanter for her than always
typing away on my [illegible]
and quicker for me. Luncheon
Beak St. and got some
expensive but not very good
Turkish cigs at Ormond Tobacco-
nists after [illegible], told no cigs
at half a dozen shops.
Tel fr. Peter wants his dress suit,
for school dance. Rose - and
Angela Call. C - dinner [illegible]
[illegible] - Dick C called.
Blizzard and finally got her home

Thursday Mar 6.
Woke 6.15. Fog early. [illegible] up. Breakfast and read. Lay still 7.30 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Office 11.0 a.m. Worked for Eustace [illegible] Sidney who is pretty good. Gave him a lecture on art and advised visits to art exhibitions. Dictated to Mrs C. down stairs. Still very cold and streets and pavements slip[pery] in frozen snow. Taxi to flat and C. C. I walked to [illegible] as she was not ready when I arrived and so [illegible] as in [illegible]. Walking very dangerous. Maurice had not been able to get a table till [illegible] I left. Eat [illegible] at [illegible] in Piccadilly. Sandwiches [illegible]. Taxi. Read Croydon [illegible] letters. [illegible] Maurice [illegible] not got home, but I [illegible] she had not [illegible] She was [illegible] but still anxious. Walked home and found it as I thought. After dinner read Croydon. [illegible] catarrh still uncomfortable.

£2.0.0

Friday March 7th 1947
up 6.45 and office 9.30
Sun early and skating.
Still freezing. Letters from David
Amberley and Ethel Putnam.
W. letters to Mrs Black and Mr
Agate and telegram to Charles
Not coming to Ambaless
tomorrow. Asked Agate to
program. Dictated to Miss C. down
stairs. John & I had difficulty
in getting a taxi out. C. &
Mrs Tabor at Claridges
for lunch and bought coat 30.0
C. back to office for [illegible]
and gave [illegible] of letters to
James & Miss Clark and
talked to Mr [illegible]. W.
Helen C. B. & C. & Peter.
Saw Carlsund [illegible] at
Claridges & asked him to take Peter
to see Queen of Spain.
Cat [illegible] for C. & [illegible] on way
home. John came [illegible] for bath, told C.
he did not want to take much [illegible]
[illegible] balance of probable food shortage
[illegible]. After dinner read Bagehot
aloud to C. who was impressed

Saturday March 8th 1947
up 7.30. Still cold & grey.
Mended my blue suit. Out to R.A.C.
no lunch for ladies. Then to Park
House and engaged a table. Walked
to Berkeley apartment house and
saw photos. 11 room flats. Cost
£1000. Is took my name as I
might do something about it.
Back for C. & luncheon. Park House
saw John Rathminster. Walked
about Carlton Gardens. Back to his
house. Taxi home. Read and slept.
Raymond's book. C. resting. Toasted
bread for tea, out for a walk. Got
C. her cigarettes and stole a copy
Times from Athenaeum. Home for
dinner. Spent most of evening read-
ing Burke, stopping from time to
time to talk to C. who was resting
and nodding off from time to time.
The weather & the parting & C. offered
call him 7 the flats in Berkeley
Square. Started late to go to bed
and then gave myself a ... pro
and did not get into bed till
12-30. Day most seen. So cold.

Sunday March 9th 1947
Up 6.45. Bright sunny early morning. Ready for breakfast at 8 o'c. Waited for Bruce. Out - returned Times to Ath. & got Sunday Times and Observer.
C. stayed at home and rested also inquired a table next Sunday at Claridge. Peter came soon after I got back, and he & I went down to basement w. C. and opened her trunk and took out Clarence's coat and quilt which we can have altered for Peter. Very pleasant luncheon with Peter. Afterwards he went to [illegible] where he expected to meet a friend & where he had given a ticket. Then C. went to rest and I made out list of [illegible] expenses. C. & I toasted bread for tea with [illegible] honey and butter. Talked of Lorenzo and Angela Peter - Lorenzo's [illegible] for a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of his [illegible] [illegible] promises. [illegible] Peter. [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]
After dinner finished Bessie Part II

Monday March 10th 1947

Dark and wet but not cold. Up. Fox. Office 11. Mrs Phillips [illegible] fell in St. J. Park yesterday and broke ankle and is in St. George's Hospital. Tel. C. Letter from [illegible]. W. draft to Barnes back in office. Made out Sales Rep. [illegible] Dec. Jan. Feb. Lunch eggs and sandwiches. Read Barnes. W. [illegible] Haydon talk to John and Tom about it. Steady downpour of rain. Tom went home early with a cold. Bought 200 slightly inferior cigarettes as my kind are [illegible] from the Marlborough Black & White Tobacco. Tom has got letter of [illegible] Spanish Rep results. Cl. lunch [illegible]. Kitty Fraser. Read Times & Evening Standard and after dinner read [illegible] Bertie's boat good but ending has no thrill or surprise!

C. phoned [illegible] at 1.15 [illegible]

Tuesday March 11th.
up 7 & to office 10.30
getting tangerines and lemon
squash on the way
Talk: Jamie about office
arguing then. D. [illegible] to
Miss C.C. & spoke to her of [illegible]
secretary for Mac C. so that [illegible] can
work daily for J.H. & me. Took
Jeannie's wash coat to little tailor
to be altered for Peter. Got a couple
of cheap studs for Peter. Lunch
at home sandwiches and egg.
Read [illegible] Appleton's [illegible]
and related matters to [illegible]. Out
to telegraph and talked to
Mr Bell about Peter future
his housemaster Mr [illegible]
Came in but neither of them
seemed to have any clear
ideas. Best plan seems to be to
prepare him for Cambridge –
perhaps Clare. Jamie & [illegible]
and C.C. to dinner. [illegible]
sat in [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] lady C. [illegible] the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] talk about
about his [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the

Tuesday [illegible] [illegible]

Wednesday March 12th
Slept late no bath. Up at
10.30. Talk to Tom about
[illegible] bank, suggested [illegible]
and to [illegible]! Took [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible] by [illegible]
[illegible] bank. W. draft
letter to Lewis. [illegible]
Q. & lunch with Lady [illegible]
and [illegible] & [illegible].
B. & I. & May [illegible] made
[illegible] home and got out at
[illegible] station. Went
through Lady [illegible] &
[illegible]. Read. Letter to him.
Mrs. [illegible] is off to [illegible]
and has not been [illegible]
until she has done [illegible]
[illegible]. I answered [illegible]
[illegible] back [illegible] in [illegible]
and [illegible]. Then we: Q. [illegible]
[illegible] very [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] but Q.
[illegible] her [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] another [illegible]
[illegible] by [illegible]

Thursday March 13th

up 7 o'C. Took Peter's bi-
nocular[illegible] to [illegible] shop
[illegible] missing [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] about [illegible]. Tel.
to [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] next week. Say
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Feb. 26.
Talk [illegible] and Somerset
about N.Y. Agency. [illegible] Claridge and
met Stebbins, [illegible] and [illegible]. [illegible]
arrived later and we had [illegible] for
lunch. Stebbins was a bit shy but
evidently engaged [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
with his oath of allegiance as be-
coming a naturalized British subject.
This afternoon [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible]
to Wallace [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Peter's
binoculars to be repaired. [illegible]
Place and I went to [illegible] and
got my [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] worked on [illegible]
[illegible] John [illegible] I transferred
[illegible] corrections to revised proofs
of Eustace and [illegible]. Worked till 7
[illegible] [illegible] home for dinner and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] who had been [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Friday March 14th.
Warmer but [illegible]
[illegible]. Wake with slight
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
10.40. [illegible] [illegible]
Marsh. T. H. Buckland's [illegible]
[illegible] Prescott letter.
[illegible] to John McN.
[illegible] [illegible] about Cumberland
"Struggle for the World". W.
[illegible] C. B. [illegible] @ Colombo
[illegible] Baker St. and on to
little Tailor Roger Beresford
to have his coats altered
she is so much [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] America. [illegible]
She went off in taxi with a driver who
looked so [illegible] like a brigand that she asked
me to take his number. Talk with G.
& later @ [illegible] about accounts. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] on [illegible] Somerset, whose
[illegible] makes him best accountant
we have ever had [illegible] of his methods
[illegible] up to date. Walk home getting a
[illegible] for G. on the way. G. said
her [illegible] that driver [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

March 15th 1947 cold + grey
up 6.50. Did everything as
usual and finished at 9.5.
Luckily found taxi waiting and caught
9.15 for Amberley. Ticket puncher at
gate passed my ticket out of date because
I have not been to Amberley for so long
[illegible] to call. Read Times in train.
Congress + British approval for Truman's
proposal to supply money to Greece +
Turkey to resist Russian aggression.
Changed [at] [illegible], train late so [illegible]
town for a drink. Met by Douglas in
taxi. Weather hard grey and cold. Gave
Mrs Heaton a lift in taxi. Got money
at stores. Mrs [illegible] in cottage, [illegible]
milk for me to take up. Cup of tea
anniversary of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
a little [illegible] by [illegible] and the
Stilton for [illegible] that I brought home.
Made up [illegible] [illegible] cheques for the
flat I had dated Feb. 28th. [illegible]
looked at [illegible] wall [illegible] Humphrey
Took them to [illegible], got [illegible] stamps.
Lunch home [illegible]. Walked off and
Guinness. Stamped [illegible]. Mrs [illegible]
her [illegible] and estate agent from [illegible]
to see Amberley house. [illegible] them [illegible]
cottage to get [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
and [illegible] Chamberlain. [illegible] stopped
me and [illegible] to make me pay for coal [illegible]

date ticket. Journey [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and

[illegible]

Sunday, March 16th 1947
up 9 o'c. Clocks put forward an hour last night. No bath.
Breakfast 9.30. Mild day with sun coming out. To office and got old chicken books for getting El. Board expenses. Stopped at Garrick to make sure that we had taken umbrella. Got pink hyacinth and daffodils at Carlisle House. G. chose hyacinths and I gave daffodils to Miss Phillips. Hunter Garrett
[illegible]. G. Mr Ayton came and talked [illegible]. Looked at pictures. Weather [illegible], spring like when we came out.
[illegible]. G. rested while I read
A. E. Thomas. Toasted brown bread for tea with honey. Gave Miss Phillips three eggs. Went on with
[illegible] after tea and after dinner
[illegible] ate one of apples I brought up from Ambesley.
High wind rattling the window frames. G. W. Helen G-B [illegible]
morning and to Alfreda in the evening. I am coming round to my own money and dont know what we shall do if Ambesley [illegible]. not let.

Monday March 17 - 1947
up 7 o'c. Weather turning
into spring. Math sand-
wiches for lunch. Stopped
at Stampplan and got
name of Mme. Rollandotto
office 10.30 W. [illegible] C.B.
to try to find about Mme R.
as she says she knows [illegible]
friend Duchesse de la Rochefoucauld
Dictated to Miss C. Evelyn, Mrs
Buckingham Sherman Com[illegible]
about my 'out of date' letter
Lunch at office sandwiches after
and coffee. Lang call fr.
Maria Reyam who took
her manuscript away to
show to Callaney. Gal
said he might do it. Quote
Mr. Otto meeting. Statement
against Lord [illegible] Winslow
Mme. [illegible] Maurer came
to dinner. Back at 4. I learned
battle of [illegible]

Tuesday March 15th
Lovely sunny mild but
windy. Cab [illegible]
[illegible] to Eaton. Office 10.30
Talk with Dalston about
old royalty accounts.
Talk Somerset about
J. Mac C. Argent and N.Y.
agency. Tel. Mrs. Bell about
Petrie coming to luncheon tomorrow
to meet James Fisher. To A. & N.
but no gin got Cointreau whisky
and 2 sherries. Lunch Trocadero.
Took bottle to flat & met Irene
Roberts who is [illegible] to
get in things. Left bottles and to
Berrys and got 1 gin. [illegible] To
A & N. and paid for gin. [illegible] last
night. Back to office. Tea
and toast half a dozen eggs. To
Mc Dalston [illegible] afternoon. The old
[illegible] with hanging gaiter got me tea
and bread and butter. Home by
Bruce earth. G. of sherry before dinner
and Cointreau after. Read by Edwards

Wednesday March 19th
Up 7 o'c. Office 9.40
Talk Tabor/and Mr
Catherine about Ammergau
royalty and N.Y. Agency.
Talk Mac C. about far-
Eastern representatives Harrison
Tel: Alfred Burt often + sat
his address. W. Graafs letter
to him about Peter's Cambridge
Started letter to N.Y. about
the present commission etc. —
Peter arrived and he and James
and I dined Burns St with
James Fisher and talked about
a career for Peter in Natural
History. Continued letter to
Minton. Talk Catherine about
accounts. Walked home taking
Champagne for E. Autumn wasn
appetite at ... apart and had a drink
& biscuits before dinner. Mrs Scott
called after ... by. wrote
... ... Egerton.

Thursday 20th March
wake 5 & doze till 7.30
Took 3 bottles to Berry & am to
Phillips. Office 10.30 talk
Mr West Talbot N. Y. Agency
James Make [illegible] away driving his
parents-in-law to Bognor
and stopping [illegible]
[illegible] in Brighton. Talk
Garrett and [illegible] about
Agency and [illegible] negatives.
Talk [illegible] Buckland about [illegible]
[illegible] and his gift [illegible].
draft letter [illegible] suggestion for
Buckland's letter to [illegible].
called [illegible] had lunch.
[illegible] and [illegible] went to
[illegible] Buckland for his [illegible]
[illegible] and her [illegible]
[illegible] ready. [illegible] had [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
Back to office. W. Marks
and Buckland. [illegible] Charles
& Mrs Hook. Took home my [illegible]
[illegible] coat [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] me. [illegible]

Friday. 21st March 19[illegible]
Up. 7. G. C. came fm. Sunning-
[illegible] [illegible]. Thinks it too
[illegible]. Mark [illegible]
office. 9.30 Talk Goldstein
Talks about [illegible]
[illegible] nights. [illegible]
with C. Talk James about
books in trains. W. draft
letter to Ethel Putnam.
Lunch [illegible] Board of
and [illegible]. Signed letter.
Down to [illegible] and got shoes
also got prints of my best
Marks. Home. [illegible]
about American [illegible]
Lady [illegible]. Also stopped at
[illegible] ([illegible]) [illegible] who is
attacking G's [illegible]. Tea [illegible]
w. Mrs [illegible]mann & [illegible]
for [illegible] [illegible]. Went
out G's [illegible] from Cartier's but
closed. Taxi to 23 Charles St. Lady
Colum showed me pictures of Charles
[illegible] [illegible] & G. dressed. Home
dinner. Upset G. because I was not

Saturday March 22nd 1947
up 6.45 Packed bag and finished
everything in good time. Taxi to
Victoria and C - to Kimberley
by 9.15 train. Raining hard
when we changed at Peterborough
there Mrs Phillips there and Kenneth
Peter. Met at Kimberley by Douglas
got money at Stores. Met [illegible]
[illegible] cottage and Peter asking us
Got [illegible] - [illegible] him. Paid
[illegible] and looked at [illegible] at
Clemmens with Humphrey. Saw [illegible]
[illegible] - meat for Peter. Down to [illegible]
for stamps shoes & beer. Met
Scott-Duff in car looking for
Kimberley House. Dressed then
and when I got back [illegible]
was showing them over. John K.
had [illegible] and was telling C. D.
for coming trip to [illegible] with a girl
C. showed her disapproval. Lunch
eggs sandwiches & spaghetti. To
see Evelyn and [illegible] who arrived
[illegible]. L is living alone in Peter Franklin
cottage. Tea & home 5.10 [illegible]

SUNDAY MARCH 23rd 1947
up 8.0°C. Mild weather with
bits of sun and light rain
C. unpacked parcels of food from
America and took out brief [?] olive
oil and nylon stockings for Claudie
Wyndham, and things for humbler
friends. I wound up [illegible] and
packed away paper and packed bar [?]
for Amberley. Washed face [?]
brushes. Tel. Carrick but no [illegible]
C. and I went out for brief walk in St J.
Platz [?] and then home again by
back door. Lunch in flat.
Talked and then C. rested and I
walked to office and spent afternoon
sorting old engravings from
Amberley. Walked home with
this raincoat on my arm. I
sat for tea and water annoyed [?]
C. to Claudie Wyndham. She has
been ill with influenza. I read
Sunday Times and Observer.
C. back for dinner. After dinner
I did a good deal of Times cross
word puzzle. C. reading Sharp [?]
Newmark [?]

Monday March 24th 1947
up 7 o'c. W. helped C. B.
~~W thanks~~ [illegible] glass eyes [illegible]
writing [illegible] C. [illegible] [illegible]
help [illegible] about breakfast.
left [illegible] bath [illegible] at
Pope [illegible] [illegible] Black Currant
Syrup. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] C.
at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
left [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible]
St [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
at Phillips. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
girl [illegible] Students at
[illegible] W. C.'s letter to [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to Stephanie.
[illegible] Mr C. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] in my [illegible] [illegible]
C. [illegible] 2 Old Bank St. [illegible] got
[illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in
[illegible] [illegible] St. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] letters. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] home [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible].

W. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Tuesday March 25th 1947
Lovely warm sunny morning
up 7.45 Office 9.45
Hardly getting down when
Leslie Hamilton called and
stayed an hour. Then W.
Bridges about my expiring
S.S. ticket - Lady Stewart
[illegible] her thank
Daughter about Snowflakes
of flat. Mrs Leggett's photographs
of her grand daughters +
Lady [illegible] at C.S. Palmer
recommended by Mrs Flory
Lunch office. Olive brought asparagus
and egg! To bank to get out U.S.
securities. Dinner planned. Signed
letters. Entered a [illegible] for
John's room. Home found
Angela Bell who had brought
a pound of butter. She stayed
till dinner. After dinner
read papers and Einstein's
Whistler radio play of [illegible]
suit - [illegible] Tickets.

Wednesday March 26th
up 7.45. Took Anthony
first 5 of his for Mr
Fenwick. Decided not to go to
Amberley and w. Charley, Mr Agate, & Mrs [illegible]
Talk Jones and Schmidt about
[illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible]. W.
letter to Feinstein about my best
Mark [illegible]. Met G. at [illegible]
tailor [illegible] Beresford and looked
at cases for pattern for his
and got coat. He was different, so
letter that G. had made for [illegible]
[illegible]. C. Calendar d'Or. Very
crowded. Left [illegible] asked G. how
much [illegible] coat cost & G. told
her price. Put C. in taxi for lady
Fenwick. Office signed letter.
Call fr. Donald [illegible] who bought
one [illegible] ago and his son and
[illegible] on his illustrations.
Mr Jones brought us tea. They
left at 6.30. After we had [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible]. G. [illegible] had
[illegible] at office from [illegible]
[illegible]. After dinner [illegible] and
W. diary. Read [illegible]. Marked [illegible]
& [illegible]

[illegible]

Thursday March 2 [illegible]

Up 6.45. – Breakfast says [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Ex- [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] matter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] office 10 [illegible] W. [illegible] W. [illegible] [illegible] about [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]. Discussed [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] re. J. MacC. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] stuck [illegible] over. Entered [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. John's [illegible]. Call [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Lunch [illegible] [illegible]. Finished letter to [illegible]. Called Medley about [illegible] Park Campbell's. Signed letters [illegible] [illegible]. Changed & Cocktail [illegible] [illegible] – Alec Coates [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] Back to flat [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to play – [illegible] [illegible]. Supper after at [illegible] Club.

Friday, March 28. 1947

Mild cloudy morning. took toast & coffee & Frederick office 9.30. Spoke Frederick about giving up W. H. Also talked & to Mrs Mead and J. Mac C. eventually need a Skinner given contract and tell James to Ogins contracts dates – Newbank Trafft. Call fr. Crampton about insurance. W. Nylen C. B about Boulanger day's visit to England. Met C. at Kater Bluefoord's where she was having coats altered and on to lunch at Colbert's 1.00. Back to office. W. Lionel Edwards draft offer Nina Cook & copy baby Colbern sent me a framed picture of Charlie Lansdowne. Walked home getting mandarins and dates on the way. Met Ben Nicolson coming down from flat – had been seeing C's picture. Thinks it good. Flannels 1.50 dresses cleaning. C. to Nonnie's. I stayed at home and read papers. C. came back 7.30. Not very interesting. After dinner mended coats. Listened to wireless

SATURDAY. March 29th 1948
up 7.45 misty more or less
sunny day. Breakfast 9.30
Started packing trunk for Amberley
Took up C's painting and we took
it to William Drown 118 New Bond St,
recommended by Ben Nicolson. He
thought well of it. Quoted in Beyond
Order & they told me that Mr Denny
liked the picture. Taxi to 7 Park Pl.
and I got some butter and we went
on to Curzon St. at Wilton's. C. had a
dozen oysters for 18/- and I had lobster
salad for 7/6. Walked home. C. fetched
pineapples concerts and they skated.
I went to office and posted Eugenie
and got my bath & Carter's little liver
Pills for C. who has been constipated
constipated since she came from America.
Walked home in rain of Campbell's.
Cleaned and bus for rest of house.
Toasted bread for tea with honey.
Read Times. Marked a book for Alfreda
and posted for Barbara. Wrote letter
paper for Alfreda. Drank before dinner
Read Drew [illegible] after.

[illegible] (left margin, written vertically)

Sunday May 30th 1947
up 8.30. Damp dull
day as usual. Read
dear Ingi's Endymion [illegible]
very good. Out and
got Sun. Times and Observer
and [illegible] at flat in
Berkeley Square. Pantry
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Aunt. [illegible]
lunch Carrie. [illegible] Casey
[illegible] [illegible] Home and
[illegible] [illegible] rested and slept till
5.30. Tea and [illegible]
Nelly St C. [illegible] drank [illegible]
bottle of black currant.
[illegible] [illegible] and Arthur Stuart
talk [illegible] about [illegible]
Roger Fulford about [illegible]
Indianstones. Nellie [illegible]
Ammonia. Home 7.30 [illegible]
dinner. Read Ingi. Bed early

Monday March 31st 194[illegible]

Up 7.40 Packed half-off
Di, Things [illegible] at office
Tel. fr. Gladys W. Evelyn
Murray died yesterday.
Nannie's friend Amy came
to help C. pack etc. Sh
is taking [illegible] after [illegible]
may Cantor Kettle Aspirin Pills.
Still raining day as usual.
office 10.30 Taken back
checking Thinner. Came him
Dear. Page & wind. W. Sisters
C.O.B. Call for Lime. Elephant
Discussed Northrop's succession
w. Jones. C. came to office w. Any
football. Bad lunch in Baker St.
Got C's coats at Rage Bluebird.
Back to office. Wanted an Whitney
Moore & Kellu enquiry about C. [illegible]
[illegible] nights. [illegible] & left
Car. and cost [illegible] in warm coat. [illegible]
us. C. so did not go in [illegible]. Tea
[illegible] & [illegible] daughter [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] for father [illegible] & [illegible]
before I spent in [illegible] & car. [illegible]
[illegible].

Tuesday April 1st 1947

Up 6.45. Dull early turning into mild sunny day. Packed [illegible]. Mrs Bell got Peter to call at office. Spent morning at office answering queries etc. Mr Goldstein said thanks but our profit for 1947 will be absorbed by profit sharing taxes etc. Most disappointing. Lunch egg and sandwiches. Peter arrived while I was talking to Goldstein and I told him to get his sandwiches at Wallace Heaton in Bond St and then get a trunk for mine, addressed our excess luggage and go to Woolworths etc. [illegible]. I went out and got sandwiches at Sheehans and eggs for [illegible] luggage labels. Home finished packing. C. had pleasant afternoon with Phillips. To Andrews 5.4. Met by Shepherd [illegible] and [illegible] Douglas [illegible]. Pleasant evening. Mrs Stuart got us dinner [illegible]. Alix much improved [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Wednesday April 2nd
up 7.30 Made fires in books and
setting rooms. Unpacked,
Cambered Paris, Rainy day
Dinner & ? Saw
stamps plant and left
chairs at Rogers to be
repaired. Met ? who
says their electric pump is
broken and the ? no
water. Harry and started to
clean out cupboard under
stairs — lie-lows and deck chairs.
Finished unpacking. After
lunch worked on Annikley
accounts. Got tea. Peter
went down to Alix's cottage
and I had to go and fetch
him for dinner. Peter and
I washed up. Then I made
Paris's dinner. Took him
out for walk. C. and I had
brief drinks of courtesies.
Moonlight night. Bed
about midnight.

Thursday 3rd April 1947
up 8 o'C. Made fires in parlour
and sitting room. Did not
attempt to have a bath.
After breakfast, talk Searle
about burst pipe etc wh.
he has dealt with in Ambleside
... He has cut off boiler at
back of range. Worked on
Ambleside accounts for March.
A little sun now and then.
Took Cassie along Red Bank
and back just in time for
lunch. Alice came in after and
was pleased with apricot and
black dress that C. got for
her in America. Finished March
accounts. Combed Cassie but
did not get to his legs as
he objected so. C. [illegible] arrived
and Mrs C[illegible] came over
while C was writing. We got my
big [illegible] in cottage. Put
away things from under stairs.
Bath before dinner, [illegible] hour
Heard Bruce broadcast. Took

Cassie out in chair. Then [illegible] things. [illegible]
his dinner. Cassie [illegible] asleep on door

Cassie [illegible] in

Good Friday 4th April 1947
Set fats and up 8 oc. Made boiler fires. No baths. Breakfast on a tray in sitting room but Peter and C. had their breakfasts in house dining room. C. sorted things brought from Annie's and Peter and I took them in tray over to Mrs Cooling. Mrs Shook taking mattress from nurses room for John H. who arrives tomorrow. Cold N.E. wind but little rain. Washed Cassie's feet in bath. Peter slightly upset during not much made him pass. University seems beyond his capacity. Nice lunch served in house dining room. C. and I tired by fires in cottage sitting room any plans for future seem blocked by difficulties. When she went for rest I dry cleaned Peter and his teaching for walk. Cross Cat. Gretcham [illegible] gate then right to Station Rd. via Cassie's on lead because of sheep and lambs. Tea in house lounge. Accounts Bath etc. Dinner in house. Made Cassie's dressing. Finished accounts

Alice Cairns in Evils etc. [illegible]

Saturday Easter Even April 5th
up. 70°E and made fires in
boiler & sitting-room: Break-
fast in house. Times and
Daily Mirror started coming
Daily Mirror very fine hardly
any politics. Down to Square
for money stamps and beer
[illegible] pictures at Mrs Goldsmith
knock in house. Fairly pleasant
morning though cold wind
but in afternoon sun went
in and wind blew a gale and
turned to rain. Cooked Tea
worked on accounts after a
little nap in chair by fire. a
few [illegible] income tax accounts
and then over to house for
tea. Continued accounts till
7 and then bath over in
house - water hot. Dorothy
telephoned to G. from Brighton.
Dinner in house: W.J. night
Alick tried to get [illegible] to take
her to dance in Houghton. Made
[illegible]

Easter Sunday April 6th 1947
up 7.30 put Fire in Kitchen. Eaten
cut rat in trailer. Breakfast
in house. Weather grey and
cool with light rain. Colored
Paxsi. Case C. Rigney framed wood
picture of muse laying of flowers on
Shakespeares tomb got at Mrs
Caldam this in gilt frame. G & I
Peter to church. Warmly greeted
after by woman with daughter Tee
and schoolboy son Colin whom none
of us knew. Took Paxsi for
walk on Rackham Road. G.
talk Alix Baker after church.
Alix to lunch. Mrs Cosling diluted
cranberry jelly into thin syrup.
Read Sunday papers and dozed
there. W. Mach letter expensive
Colin learned that cranberries
had not jellied. Sat by fire and
dozed a bit. G. to ... Saw
Peasant man ... Over 15
Aiming ... for tea. Pale ...
Alix G. Chatt. for ...
Better dinner ... ...

Monday April 7th 1947

Woke 5 oc sore throat worse up and took tablet but did not sleep properly again. Up 7.30 and made fires in sitting room. windy day starting dull but sun coming out. Combed Peter and took him for walk along Rick Hedge. Back for lunch. Soon after C. & I went to rest but neither really slept. Pip Cannon and John Blake drove down to tea. They came it seems before luncheon and had picnic up downs and saw me with Peter. Cannon very attractive and gifted. They say that Tirtis has promised. Leading opera singer ... ill ... since last August. They ... a mild brother all ... Pip took to Peter and ... watching ... Christopher ... They all like Passe. After they had gone C. rested by fire, had a ... I cut-up ... meat. ... had bath ... Bed early.

Tuesday April 5th 1949
up 7.30 saw Parent ~~letter~~
made fire in sitting room
wild wind all night but
moderated ~~this~~ morning and some
[illegible]. Read Times and D. Mirror
carried Cassie. Down to square
for fruit syrups and beer.
Washed Cassie's feet. Tel. James
all well at office and John
[illegible] to Stamford [illegible] [illegible]
which he [illegible] about an [illegible]
a reason for [illegible] coming down.
Mr Easlin went to London 7 o'c
train. W. draft letter to [illegible] com[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] staff [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
Peter had ~~tooth~~ ache at lunch.
Afternoon tried to dig [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. To Mrs Cairncroft's to look
at fox for [illegible] shoes on but
not quite enough. Down to wood
with Cassie and brought back dead
branches for kindling. Lovely sunny
evening. Tea in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] he will try to [illegible] the [illegible]
of [illegible]. Cut up Cassie's meat
Peter went to [illegible] without any dinner

[illegible]

(Peter & Arundel drafted)

Wednesday April 9th 1947

Up 6.30 and finished in good time to go up to London dr. noi. C. 9.10 Douglas took us to station. Mr. Anderson there. Said he had a heart attack on his arm a month ago from climbing stairs in London office when the lifts were stopped electricity cut. Lovely [illegible] morning. Taxi my. C. to [illegible] bus dr. Daniel Brixton at office looking old and shabby. Dealt my letters etc. Lunch Buffet St. Columba's. Buffet St. for my [illegible] T.C. and left [illegible] Thomas & [illegible] [illegible]. Back to office. Signed letters. Tel. [illegible] Brooks who has [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to Victoria taking [illegible] meat for Peace. Met C. on train and home 5.4. Met by Douglas. Tank Peace [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] but left [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. C. had lunch [illegible]. [illegible] who [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] cut up Peter's [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Thursday April 10th
up 7 o'C. Peter up to Parker
8 o'C for his Bad Conference
in Wilfred St. Lovely morning.
Walked to station. Supper
then office 11 o'C. Talk James
about this German trip. He
knows [illegible] wanted [illegible]
Brace's proof and Lyons
Edwards. Lunch walk & brown ale
Horseshoe bar — saw Mr Chadwick
Crops from Spurrons. Carl
cut out [illegible] [illegible] Bates
asking [illegible] 7. Shares. Mr.
Mr Bridger [illegible] him a
copy of Regal [illegible].
Discussed [illegible] Bil for Philip
father of Charles V [illegible] Talk
on Brewer's book. [illegible] 5.4
Lavinia & a mild young man
at station. Walked home.
Alex going to a dance next.
[illegible] at [illegible] town hall
Bath. After dinner, Ed and
exercised Pass. Read some Bed

April 11th 1947 Friday
up 6.30 Heated water on
electric ring, kettle and stove
as usual. A lovely sunny
mild day starting with heavy
mist. Walked to Station. Saw
Mr and Mrs Bowen and her 2
Children. Spoke to Mr Cathcart
Cataract successfully removed
but he has not yet got his glasses
yet. Slept in train in unusual
Comfortable seat. Mr Burt came
to see me with A. E. Brown's
illustrations and wanted to
go over each one with me
but I got rid of him in about
an hour. Then James brought
up Thomas Cross son of Fergus
of Ulster, nice smiling boy.
James going to Germany tomorrow
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
or Chapels. Jim Edwards ill to
Sydney. Tom Cross back in [illegible]
[illegible] James asked him to [illegible]
one day. W. Donaghy of Nat. Dept.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

SATURDAY April 12th 1947
up 6.45 Put on water to heat & made fires in sitting room. Read Times. A good deal about Wallace's speech England has chance to be a bridge between Capitalistic U.S.A and Communist U.S.S.R. Tel. fr Marion coming fr. Brighton where she is seeing Bruce to spend tomorrow here till Monday A.M. To Square for money, stamps & then to get shoes from [illegible]. Made up envelopes and paid [illegible]. Mr [illegible] has told C. he is going to leave. Ungrateful just as she has returned to see Tulips. She hopes they [illegible] guardian and [illegible] again our land. Wants me to [illegible] [illegible] arrangements. Will be glad to help entertain [illegible] [illegible] After dinner [illegible] [illegible] walk round [illegible] to [illegible]. After tea nap in chair

Dinner [illegible]

Sunday April 13th
Up 7 o'C First morning of double
Summer time. Mist ghostly
clearing into a beautiful spring
day: Cut out wallaby pulling)
basin for House Lavatory from stable
Built fire in sitting room. Tel.
from Moura wanted to be met at
Ford 11.45. Tel. for taxi. C. &)
Church. Easter sermon by an
arch-deacon. Orthodox. Spoke
to Evelyn about Vicars garden. Moura
arrived 12.30 and I made cocktails
which [illegible] seemed rather neat. Spent afternoon
taking Tassie for walk round wildlands
Stopped to talk to Violet over the wall
Got rather lost in wilderness and
not home till 5.40 bring yellow
catkins. Mrs Cooper rang G. so
she could not go to see Alix's outfit
as she had helpmaid. Moura & G
upset that Alix was in bad mood.
Bath before dinner after heated
water to do Tassie etc. Bed 11.30

Monday Apr 14th
up 6.45 Splendid sunny
morning like yesterday.
up to London via Maida.
Taxi to 9.10 via Douglas
Fergus my luggage ticket
and Mr Caffin inspector
gave my return ticket
for me to pay later. Left
11 o'C. Tel. to Mr Curtis and
Miss Bailey. Between them they
will present the ... ...
...any antique ...
to ... and ... for ...
his 13 - Lunch Horse Shoe Bar
grapes for ... ... S. A.
at 3/- per lb. Went over to ...
... ... Sidney To ... meeting
at Worster proposed by ... and
by ... Thomas ... ...
... ... 6.15. Phillips at
... ...
... ...
... Evelyn's ... ...
and ... angry ... ... me
because I rather ... ...

Tuesday Apr. 15th 1947

Up 6:45. Grey morning
C. still asleep. Walk to
station. Asked Mrs Buchanan
at station about [illegible]. Slept
in train to A. & N. but no
[illegible] except in exchange
for bottles. To [illegible]
Hall and saw Mrs Mabey
Ernest about [illegible] plates
office & discussed details
of [illegible] & L. Edwards
ills. W. [illegible] for Mr C.'s
copy. Lunch [illegible] & Co.
To Gamages and found [illegible]
for Peter [illegible] had a [illegible]
then [illegible] [illegible] Company
[illegible] for ballots [illegible]
overseas etc. Talk w. Ernest
about 31 [illegible]. Home 5.7. [illegible]
to Station. Alice sent [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
without consulting us. Crazy.
She dined with us in a [illegible].
Peter spent evening with her & bed late.

[illegible]

Wednesday Apr. 16th
up 7.30. C. all right again
on outfit & children. thick
mist. walking to Stiehas. Tal.
Lucinda about party. To
Carnage & get do nights
affair. St. France lunching
off. Tal. Bono. Lunch Day
Stanley for jacket-design
met Prof. A. Edwards. Lunch
C. Colomies & Dr. To Burry
ni. C. & get liquor for party.
left walk of Cameron
Cass for new Crystal. Tel.
F. D. Ward got encouraging word
Louise. Tel. Maria about
lunch. wi. Rose. C. called for
me and we went home together
by 6.15 taking liquor home - met
Charles reading ald parcel from
Alfredo. Not by Douglas.
Lunch room. Alex Dinner.
Dr. Cresset party. Alix arr. ep.
Dinner at Armstrong's. 2 Dr. asked
Mrs. Dinnage. Nathi. Vasso
dinner. tied 7 ones. Bed

Thursday 17th April

W. 6.45. Talk C. [illegible]

Left about party. Think

he [illegible] ask [illegible].

Lunch day [illegible] earlier

apples 11 No. C. Long talk

[illegible] Wentworth

who [illegible] 4 days [illegible]

for Hughes Memorial.

Tel Fitz Ross Munro & C.

Booth. I had asked him to

lunch on Thursday but he

could come [illegible] [illegible]

quantities. So I fixed up [illegible]

Ross & Munro Wed [illegible]. Then

Ross cannot come that week

but I asked him for next

No Sherry. Busy at A.N.

Dictated afternoon. [illegible] C. Lunch

[illegible] Bean and grapes from

Sheanno. - Sent American [illegible] 3 [illegible]

Gregory to dinner and [illegible]. got

and [illegible] brandy and claret at Berry

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] glass [illegible] [illegible]

for 9. Tea & signed letters. Home

5.7 [illegible]. Standard [illegible] of German apples

Friday 15th April

up 7.30 and half awake on 5.0 then out and back to bed. up 5.10 got out glasses for cocktail party. Peter played w. cost people that & his genealogies had been found. Coal, chill day. Trimmed trunk of holly-tree. Got out big Jug for hall table. Drove to Sprinks with cash bag. Got orange & lemon syrup. 2 siphons of soda & bottles of stout. 2 of sherry. Peter & I took out ice from tray of frigidaire & put it in plastic bag in shelf. Bath & etc. After lunch got out fancy fr. my ballet case wi. ties in yellow. Cut nails and trimmed moustache took off blue knickerbockers & put on grey flannel trousers. C. & I in taxi to station and train to town for the mi. reception in the Authors' cozy little flat. C. told about Mikado. Army cold tinned meat & tea. Sweet till reaching 8.45. Our Peter dining

[illegible]

Saturday April 19th 1947
up 7.0'c and put water on
the plants. Back to bed & dozed
till 8.15. After breakfast went
down to office for money and
stamps. Made up [illegible] and
paid men. Peter finished today.
gave him back his insurance
card. Says he cannot look after
the grass as he will not have
for 8 months on work. Out out early
and cut wild cherry and forsythia
branches of blossom and put them
in vases. I. C. got very tired and
irritable but she arranged the
flowers delightfully. After lunch
brushed and dry cleaned Pat's
got drinks ready. Claret cup.
Sherry. Gin & lime. Rum [illegible]
Cocktail and lemon. Mrs Cole
made little biscuits. They
lots of people came and they all
seemed to enjoy themselves. Peter
and Alice young friends and our
old ones. They did not leave till
8 o'c. We dined about 8.30.
Took Prince out and made his

dinner as usual. At Peace. Gramophone. Concertos

on papers. Chatterbox. First. [illegible] Schumann etc.

Sunday April 20th 1947
up 7.45 Opened tin of American honey for breakfast. Started to darn my blue stocking. A to Church. I took Paddy for our usual walk round the [illegible] to Grantham & back. 11.15 – 1.15. They waited lunch till they saw me coming. ~~[illegible]~~. After lunch Read Observer and Sunday Times and then settled down to darn my blue stocking taken & went to rest. Stopped for tea. Alix has burst her hand bandaged her [illegible]. Abscess on her thumb. Went on with my darning and did not have a bath. Drinks. Alix & [illegible] got up. Paddy's meat and took him out. Then went on with darning. Have done [illegible] stockings [illegible] all day. Heated water etc. Took bath.

Monday April 21 1947
wake 5:30 & dozed till 6:40
when I got up. Bath &
all and up. W. Landon 9.12
Slept in train. Dictated to
Mrs Brown. Luncheon Alumni
Club on Beacon St. Spoke
about Burglar. Back 2:30
Discussed Bonney's contribution
re. Tabor. Telephoned Tom Ross
& asked him for Friday.
Talk Sidney about L. Edwards
No. W.P.C. Fitz Ross &
Norman. Home 5.4 Slept
in train and woke to find
Lawrence & Carey talking
with me. Then spoke of
Saturday's party. Walk
from Station to their
road & met Fitz Ross.
Talk & agreed. B. Ann
cooked all dinner. Read Times
& did for Ross and etc

Told her about ... [illegible]

Tuesday April 22nd 1947
up 6.30 Bath and got
to [illegible] comfortable.
wind + light rain. Took
up Reads. Showed [illegible]
to [illegible] ills [illegible]. [illegible]
orchid plans. Started at
[illegible] about duty on Stanley's
clothes. Called at R.H.S. Hall + got
plates for Orchids from Mr Haley
to office. [illegible]
about orchid ills. Think he will
do well. Showed him my Bandanas.
Copied letter to [illegible] Colebrook [illegible]
in town. Lunch [illegible] Tav. [illegible]
at latest L. Edwards ills [illegible]. 5 [illegible]
w. letter to Helen C. B. about Stanley's
clothes. Discussed [illegible] U.S.A. tax
claim on Airman's letter. Home 5.4
slept in train. Walked home high wind.
Peter [illegible] having a [illegible] N. Room
w. [illegible] and others whom they have met
at parties. [illegible] up home + Clare [illegible]
[illegible] accordion. C. told my [illegible]
[illegible] Drinks. Cut up [illegible] meat
before dinner. After dinner [illegible]
Nanny came up [illegible] terrible [illegible]

Wednesday April 23rd 1947

Nat conscious of stuffing at all all night. C lamp's ... attitude drawing me to ... up 60° C. Stamped + ... Bath, ... fire in ... and when I came back found ... studying. C. more ... I ... mommie ... walk to ... in ... at station ... a little ... appendicitis ... appendicitis ... affairs by same ... Evelyn ... appendicitis ... refund. ... Nat ... On ... about ... Crest. Back ... Colombo ... W. ... C's gift ... W. ... Mrs ... about ... C. ... information ... 5.30 ... at ... Closed and ... at ... Ford ... Campany ... 32 ... N. Broken Hill ... drink before dinner. ... came after to ... C. ... about

(left margin) ... (illegible)

Thursday April 24th 1947
Lovely cool still morning. Up 6.30. C. & I to London 9.10
Letter fr. Marion Whiting. G.H. Tex hair dresser. Went with her to Tube Green Park bus-stop. Tiffin had asked Marion at Browns Hotel [illegible] lunch & me after [illegible] myself.
Read mss & Escape [illegible]. Read page proofs of Edwards "Sporting Artist". To Claridges and lunched with Fritz Ross, Maura and C.
At first Maura talked only to C. which made I awkward and then Maura joined in and finally asked his telephone number and wanted to see him again. C. went off to see play - Webster's White Devil which she afterwards said was not good. Talk to Raymond Green outside Claridges. Back to office and finished reading "Sporting Artist". Henry Williamson came to see Jahn about price on using one of his stories in anthology.
He now looks an old man but handsome. Got Alix's watch with crystal mended. Met G. and home 5.4. Fire but needs[illegible] [illegible].

Friday Apr 25th 1947

up 7.45 C. a bit pleasanter

Peter fairly dry clear to go

on long bicycle ride & stay

away over lunch. Bertha

Paterson sent letter from

Minton refusing directorship

& Jeanne Falconer. Bright

fine morning & with easy

wind. Read Times. C. had letter

fr. Cecile posted in England, thought

it might mean that Simon had

arrived back, but it. c. John at

office who had no news of him.

To Spinnes & cashed cheque for

C. got start at Black papers

and my shoes with good repairs.

Sale at Bacons. Vicar fussed

Peter to go on bicycle ride kept him

& worked very hard again in sitting

room where C. was resting and turned

him into nervous hysterics & shy

darted up stairs & shut himself in

his bed-room. Cousin Grandtone &

cut down Desfontaines spinach. After

lunch C. sent me Peter off w. Vicar, did

accounts. Dunned stocking walk w. Pat &

C. to tea at Viala & came back until his

visit Tom Ross at station. A- to

Saturday Apr 26th
Lovely mild sunny spring day
up 6.45 Breakfast Jonathan
since for C's death. Read Times.
Down to square for money and
stamps. Made up envelopes
while C. cleaned house and
cottage to Mr. Peter Scott
Newland Tompkins. Took him
same place while I paid Mr.
Crashley to Tom Ridd. Stamped
cards. Peter, Alix and Tom
to point W. [illegible] with Colin
taking sandwiches. C. and
I walked about fields before
and after lunch. She was
pleasant but it was all
heart-breaking sad. Thought
of all who made up the life here and
who have died. C. went and I took
Paxie for walk to Crastham. Saw
Viola at Tukey's house and [illegible]
place. Back rather late to tea, brushed
Paxie's legs. Finished [illegible] cigarettes
young people had supper early including
Annie [illegible] & all to dance in village.

Sunday Apr 27 1947.
Up 7.45. Bath ... in house.
Tom Ross had migraine and
when we went to Church we left
him lying on sofa in N. Room.
After Church Evelyn prepared bank
account for Alix Dudwick's agreed
Mr ... accepted G. and went
into garden with him. I wore
plum coloured socks that G. brought
fr America ... my ... used
to N. Sussex Golf Cl. Built fire in
N. room & told young people they
must stay there and not dis-
turb us. Read letter fr Gisela
criticising Allied occupation and fr
Barbara very proprietary about
Caterina. After lunch Tom ...
... ... migraine. Read
Sunday papers. Tom & ... for
walk. ... & ... Anne. G.
... & I took Peter for walk along
... Ridge. Tea with young people &
G did not come ... till they had finished
Accounts before & after dinner

Monday Apr. 28th 1947
Woke 5 o'c and did not go to sleep again. Worried about all the things - dues up 6.30. Directed Tom Rose to bath. Pussies sat in road sadly watching me go. Evelyn & Gavin up & Laddie. Lent me telegraph. Started letter to Alex of Malaya. Had hardly reached office when Robert [illegible] called with introduction fr. C. Booth. Want me to publish book by Reginald Rowe of housing and [illegible]. Tel. Geoffrey Whitworth about Harley [illegible]. Tel. Forest about 31 H.Q.G. Talk Sidney Tuker. Found that Alex's order of last September for Malaya had never been filled. Lunch Mr Tee. Call from Mr Jones of Tills who said C. must [illegible] over her income. Lingered at office & nearly missed 5.30 train. Walked home. Drunk. Alix like a slug at dinner. Alix [illegible] charming. Walks with me and

Pussies after dinner.

[illegible]

Tuesday April 29th 1947
Up 6.45. Asked Peter to bring
down Anti-freeze for [illegible]
Lumby [illegible] Dinner morning
Remnants letter to Nigel Alexander
in Spain. Stopped at [illegible] S. [illegible]
to give photo to Mrs Malby.
Spoke to Admiral Kinnaird –
Vivian and Tom Kay. After
finished letter to Martyn Spencer
W. Marche [illegible] Lunch Mrs.
Tav. & dates. Dressed to Mrs
Brown. Call from [illegible]
Little Brown. Interested in Naomi
Mitchison's [illegible]. Mistook
time and hurried off to Victoria
at 4.15 and got there 4.30 for
5.7 train. W. diary while waiting.
Met Viola in village [illegible] cycling away
from [illegible] C. [illegible] [illegible]
and photographs of the house. [illegible]
had given [illegible] C's thing that
he had [illegible]. Drink before dinner
W. [illegible] for [illegible] manner
Peter caught a rat in attic. Usual
routine. Started early but did
not succeed – Getting to bed before 11 [illegible]

Wednesday April 30th 1947
Wake 5. I did not sleep after
up 6.45. Sent Mrs. Black
typed copy of book on Rapture
offered by Stanley. Peter &
Mary to London together. Left
mail at Bryant's (?) Paul [illegible]
Marion Whiting and on my taxi
to office. Signed letter and
registered for Grand Edwards
re. Sidney. Then out with
Peter & [illegible]. [illegible] this
and to have Clarence's suit
altered for him by Roger
[illegible]. To Moss's and got
him [illegible] and [illegible]-coat
Paid School bill and [illegible]
[illegible]. Insurance. Tel. from
Ray re. [illegible] to Peter &
and home 5.47. Walk from
station. Cold light [illegible].
Alex [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
R.N. looking for cottage. Tel.
from Marion Whiting. [illegible]
re. Paris. Letter fr. James MacC

Tuesday May 1st 1929
Icy cold and storm clouds
for the first of May. woke 5.30
and then slept again till 9.15
so no bath. to Hilda C.B.
in train and talked to Lady
sitting with me in my compt.
(first) and talking to her about her son and
his German garden. Found her
about Lady Russell. Found
Leslie waiting at the office and
talked to him till 12.30.
Had [illegible] on my way
called at Berkeley Square flats
& learned from clerk that old
Lady [illegible] returned to her flat
but she had a stroke & may
not last long. Lunch Ernie
Newman. [illegible]. C. came
by 10.10 and went on & made
N.S. [illegible] [illegible] again. C. went
to Danish film of The Witch of
[illegible]. Dictated to
Miss Brown. Met C. home 5.30
[illegible] [illegible] talked in carriage &
C. had not slept. Drink & [illegible]
before dinner. Seemed completely
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]

Friday May 2nd. 1947
Very cold morning. Paxie barked at 2.30 & I took him out not as usual. up 6.30. Q. D. appetite good. Left. [illegible] on platform going up to [illegible] [illegible] Academy. Checked C. [illegible] [illegible]
with Sidney. James Mac C. back from Germany. Lunch Grandfis Mafkins. [illegible]. She [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] journalism say South Africa an awful place. [illegible] and [illegible] in [illegible] and [illegible] agreeable and in putting 2 3 a [illegible] [illegible]. Indicates a class apart [illegible] that with Africa and the best: thinks [illegible] [illegible]: Talk James about [illegible]. Home 5.7. Found Stephanie on the train at [illegible]. home as. [illegible] [illegible] in taxi. Stephanie delighted with England. Talked after dinner and [illegible] her

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Saturday May 3rd.
Woke 6 o'c & then to sleep
and up 7:30. Brought
water for G's bath.
Breakfast with her 10 o'c.
Down to village for money
and stamps. Bought of
envelopes and paid bill.
Gave Charles petrol coupons
for motor later. Morning
Stephanie & I down to P.O. to
try to get new telephone book
to find address of Bridget's
dentist. Finally got it from
telephone inquiry. After
lunch w. Helen G.O. &
Our walk w. Pair to
Bre[illegible]. Perfectly lovely
day. After tea weeded quickly
[illegible] hedge. Bath. After
to dinner. Talked w Stephanie
about [illegible] & Mine & Peter

Sunday May 4th 1947
up 7.45. Brought water
down for C's bath. Mrs Hopp.
woke up one [illegible] when I put it
down and tried to take another
away from me. Stephanie
at breakfast tried to stop
this & that game and to catch
till I got a bit cross & told
her to sit down. C. & Stephanie
to church and Stephanie im-
pressed by vicar. I worked
on Edwards illustration-
with little result, and read
papers. After lunch, went
on with Edwards. C. to
rest & Molly Mease & Stephen
Cheetham called & I took
them round garden. Had
just been seeing Castle
garden. C. at Alice's
Baxes with her. Walk
w. Basil Rees [illegible].
Tea and bath. After dinner
sat up [illegible]

Monday May 5th 1947

Up 6.30 Bath and all
Pleasant glyams at Junnia's
door clodding [illegible]. Worked
on Edwards [illegible] [illegible]. Office
dictated Mrs C. dictating [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] writing drafts
to be copied. Lunch. Cal [illegible]
d'Oy. Spent afternoon
placing Edwards ali's re:
Sidney. 5.30 [illegible] home
walked back [illegible] Easting
Created by C. + Stephanie
re: Nurses [illegible] She put her
hand through a window
+ broke her wrist and Mrs
Isabel Ransom [illegible] 1 [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] C. at
breakfast and [illegible] an
appointment re. Dr V. and
[illegible] C + [illegible] her [illegible]
[illegible] C. did [illegible] Stephanie
[illegible] [illegible] house cleaning
up. Came A. a letter + told
Mrs Newman [illegible] [illegible]
distress! [illegible] 5 [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] dinner; [illegible] C. – [illegible]

Tuesday May 6th - cold
and damp. Up 7 o'c.
Slept in Chair, packed [illegible]
books to [illegible] at Ambulance
Tel. Am. Ex. re [illegible] [illegible]
Collected letters to answer.
Lunch Mrs. Jas. & [illegible].
Heated water to wash:
Dictated to Mrs C. who
seemed to be having blues
out but finally pulled
herself together. Tel. to
[illegible] for corrected copy
for F.C. as recommended by
Sargent. John had returned
[illegible] I told him to telephone
later for it. Talk
Clifford about [illegible] Beck
and coming back. C. had come
up with Stephanie 10.10 and
left her [illegible] home
together 5.30 [illegible] took
to home & I borrowed 30/-
from him. Pleasant to be
alone. [illegible] [illegible]

Wednesday May 7th
Hatters Day

Up 6.40 Take the C. to
station & up to London 9.12
Office. Discussed accounts
Mr. Somerset. Call for Stephanie
with packets of American food
Take her to 37 bus. Lunch
Mrs Tarr & to Mayors Rayne
& see Mildred luncheon with C.
Stephanie thin with slightly
swollen lips from going down
teeth. Hot day. Eggs macaroni
& eggs for C. W. Carmen Robinson
at C's house. W. Capper at dining
room tea. Call for Peter who
had just been to dentist Robinson's
& assistant. It had hurt him
and he was feeling a little low.
Disappointed that I thought
Cages plan ½ term impracticable
and opposed to military service.
Home 5.30. Out shopped Easter
walking or Station. Glad it — I
turned from Clampton where she went
to register. Says Stephanie said.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Thursday May 8th.
Warm morning. I up 6.45
got train 9.10 comfortably
working every minute &
School children in coach
all shouting and screaming
every time. I 7 Am. Consulate
& got passport renewed.
Office. signed letters. Mrs
C. had typed. Opened post &
arranged my papers. Dr and
Agnes Illy in Sydney. Rated Tal.
for his long-winded & half-baked
letters about Bruce breakfast
Lunch, Foyle & got gin & Vermouth
at H. & N. returned letters to Phillips
Discussed Roosevelt portrait
in Sydney. No artistic knowledge
in office. Mr Dobson 69 today. Also
Mrs Belcis birthday. T. l. for Midland
Bank. C. still considered resident
abroad; no need stopping her income
over. Home 5.46. Stopped
at Bexley Hotel & pay. Mr. Read
from Thales & loan. G. Chas. Seton
Mrs Neumann who complained about
noise. Dinner. Supper drinks. noise

Friday May 9th 1947
up 6.45. Breakfast 7.30
Brought along water for
C's bath. Mrs Carlin said
on [illegible] Rosa Lewis to Carlin
had the [illegible] [illegible] for all the
day with him & Bishop
Burton of Bahamas son of Aunt
Mary's old friends. Paid bills
C. out - [illegible] Chantry [illegible] about
quarter. Pleasant spring day
Down to square. Posted letters
including one to Mr Bell about
Peter's going bird-watching with
Pip. Lost battles at starts and
got blues at Blackstone. Viola
came to lunch. Told of Leda Foster's
son at Cheatham Manor. In
the afternoon I walked to Heath and
woods with Pussie & picked blue
bells. Mrs Stewart to tea. Cut
up Pussie's dinner. Then cut
weeds away from quick thorn
hedge. After dinner, wireless
music.

SATURDAY May 10th 1947
up 7.40. Mild damp sunless day. Cosling here for his last Saturday & helped me clean tower[?] with Alice. Then C. & I went shopping morning in Putney. Spoke to Mr Casper[?] & Mrs Daighty[?] back fr. week end to Scotland. Got money stamps & shirts. Made up envelopes & paid him. To C. Price [illegible] about mending chair, key to large and [illegible] for Easter holiday. Stamped cards. C. writing amusing letter to Alfreda about Stephanie. After lunch did a bit of dusentangling Passis hair on his feet. Posted C.'s letter to Alfreda and walked with Passi in Clapham woods and brought back bunch of scraped lilac. Lost Passi when we reached Rackham Road and found him at home when I finally arrived at 5.15. After tea weeded hedge by wood. Drink before dinner. Alix came and complained about Emmet's trying

Passi & Vanessa ... [illegible]

[illegible]

Tuesday May 13th
Up 6.30 Misty early
morning. Read New Statesman
in train & slept a bit.
James is continuing drawing up
John's programme. [illegible] is
[illegible]. Had a talk with
John about his work. He
asked my advice about a
Church for his wedding in
[illegible] which C & I will [illegible]
be in Switzerland. Lunch
[illegible] and [illegible]. W. [illegible]
Call from [illegible] Joseph
who says he is getting [illegible]
[illegible]. W. [illegible] for [illegible]
C. W. copy. Home 5.4.
Very warm. Took [illegible]
and Cardigan & [illegible]
in case to walk home.
Stopped [illegible] to get par-
ticulars of her employment
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Wednesday May 14th

up 6:30. Pretty early morning. Turning out very hot day. Discarded my woollen undershirt which I have worn ever since my cold last Christmas. Lawrence at station said Lady Abbott made a lot of money on stock exchange last December and is giving them all presents by Simon [illegible]. Since absent for his grandmother's funeral. Call from Mr Lascelles about [illegible] plates. Taking Frances is coming with with her friends and he asked where I take them. Lunch Mrs Tav. W. letter for Mrs C. & copy. C. Chabbaka arrived for tea. See she has a painted face. Home 5.4 Built fire in Frances sitting room and arranged things once. Alex to dinner.

[illegible]

Thursday. May 15th

Slept last night in G.S. room comfortable house but bed really too small. Heard nightingales singing all night whenever I woke. Up 6.30 earlier, pounding fire & water not left for bath at 7 o.C. Forgot essay graph in Hastings & starting letter to Mrs Cooling while waiting for train. Did secretary and entertainment accounts in train. Call fr. Kermode about Lockhart jacket. John consulted me about inscription in accordingly hate ple nearly nights and present [illegible] K. [illegible] Colombo d'Or. Drew my May salary. Call fr. L. [illegible] wants me to nominate as commission Sum. What historically he is the most important author in our list. Refuse. W. Peter. Tel. to Maria. Home 5.4. Finished & sent letter to Graham. They had [illegible] cold [illegible] [illegible] no with [illegible]

Night Cadogan Square Times

Friday May 16th
up 7.30 and made fire in
Daisy. Slept in my room
Q's bed too small. Pauses in
my bed. Mrs Newman made my
tea. I saw Charley about
bringing in vegetables. Read
Timeland Murray. Down to
Sonnes. Left empty bottle
and money bag at stores.
Got some pale blue darning wool
at Browns & some stout at
Clark House. Tried to take out
van Swendiren ink spots for Chas
cover with only partial success.
Kis came to tell me about
her past employment in connection
with refund of income tax but
I am trying to get from Nat. Prov.
She says Mrs Emmet has come
back. Mr Buckman called in to
say Christopher Emmet engaged to
Miranda Fitzalan Howard.
After lunch darned blue stocking took
Paris on walk to Creatham. Got tea
& dinner alone & sliced cheese
poached eggs. Mr Carr eat

[illegible] Margarets going to America

Saturday May 17th 1947

Passi slept on my bed and did not disturb me. After breakfast finished darning pair of blue stockings and put it on. Alex burst in on me as I was coming from bath w. letter from Evelyn blaming her for being absent from [illegible] during all of her absence. Thought it strange that he said the Land Team needed [illegible]. Tel Evelyn & arranged to call after church. To Square for stamps and money. Made up envelopes and paid [illegible] Armstrong's Steam [illegible] and [illegible] added [illegible] windows in rabbit house [illegible] [illegible]. Down to Mr. [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] has [illegible] and [illegible] old [illegible] netting. Called to pick some of our lilacs and to show him rabbit house. After [illegible] stamped cards. Walk w. Passi from Gate and back fr. [illegible] Banks by [illegible] [illegible]. Got [illegible] and [illegible] pretty unsuccessfully. Bed 11.30

Sunday May 18th 1947.
up 7.20 Made boiler fire. Dull
grey day. Read papers. Nat
re: Evelyn that Teddy Brunell has
broken her thigh & she has gone
to see her and meet the specialist
had arranged to see me about this
after church. C. to church. I dug
Edward Cross in loggia
John & R. arrived for lunch.
C. thought her beautiful and took
a fancy to her. After lunch
Mary walk dog to cottage. They
left at 2 o'c to look at churches.
Nurse came to say that Dr Hebb-
-derson called this morning and
pronounced Mrs Brook was suffering
from hernia and needed to be in a
[illegible] bye & time. C. to rest.
I finished Pembroke accounts.
Prepared tea etc. Made Cassie
dinner. After tea washed up & started
preparations for dinner. B. I not strong
to cook anything but toast and [illegible]
well. 9. Ma up boiler fire. [illegible]

Monday May 19th 1947
Dull cold day & but not raining
up 6-30 Made up daily fire
To Station carried [illegible]
[illegible] arrived [illegible]
[illegible] Thursday.
W Calum on, and [illegible] Florence
in the paper. Stopped in Piccadilly
[illegible] after [illegible]
[illegible] has [illegible]
[illegible] again. [illegible]
[illegible] as I got off. To Station
[illegible]
[illegible]
Talked [illegible] about his [illegible]
[illegible] could not come [illegible] St.
Faith [illegible]
[illegible] Mr
[illegible] called [illegible] his [illegible]
[illegible] talk [illegible]
[illegible] judgement [illegible]
[illegible] Colombo [illegible]
[illegible] Sargent [illegible]
[illegible] Sessions [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] meeting. Home 5.7 [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]. Cold supper. Bed 11.45

Tuesday May 20th 1947
Cold grey N. wind. C. + mop to London 4.12 in carriage res. Catherine Engagement to Gresham C. spoke B. whose tea spoiled drains. Office. Talked long ... St Faith's & will ... at St Paul's ... We ... cannot ask ... to ... Peter ... Amberley ... after ... Peter ... engaged. ... C. about ... & ... Dreams ... French ... to see that ... at Dreams ... Argument with ... about Drains ... Called ... appeal ... home with C. 5.30. ... supper ... minute & bed 11.15

Wednesday May 21st 1947
Up 6.45 and finished in card [illegible] 9.10 [illegible] W. Peter Stelling [illegible] our dates for the summer [illegible] office 11.15 [illegible] John [illegible] [illegible] signed mine. Call [illegible] Mrs [illegible] Childrens [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Jagua, I [illegible] Mrs Cook in my [illegible] and got through letters to Casey [illegible] and [illegible] trust etc. [illegible] Calomeke [illegible] office very cold [illegible] Barnes [illegible] and John [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] chill. I feel [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] windows in [illegible] house which I do not much like. Mrs Norman stayed to get our supper [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] drinks. Usual evening [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] early. Press is [illegible] [illegible]

a pretty [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Thursday May 22nd 1947
Woke 4.30 and only dozed
after that. Up 6.40. Rain in
[illegible] still. Morning J. C. rather
affectionate again. Another cold
grey day but seems not so
cold as yesterday. Mrs Buchanan
at station, rather crowing about
Christopher's engagement (announced
[illegible] by [illegible]). Office 11.20
John says that St Pauls C.C.
Rector doesn't like idea of an
outside clergyman but. [illegible]
[illegible] arrangements. Signed
letters and talked to [illegible]
Florence's friend Oswald Hicks,
and finally had luncheon with
him at [illegible] £1.5.6 [illegible]
[illegible] Nick and [illegible]
address. [illegible] inquiries about
Kay and [illegible] dinner [illegible]
of [illegible] church. Called at St Pauls
but [illegible] Mr Sutton. Sent letter
to [illegible] Paine about [illegible]
will. Home 5.38. Made Tomato [illegible] for
dinner. [illegible] would not eat his dinner

Friday May 23rd 1947

up 7.30. Made [illegible] in [illegible]. Mild rainy day. C. [illegible] [illegible] Palie who had [illegible] her for going to [illegible] without notifying them. Read Times and [illegible] settled down to write to [illegible] referring lightly to [illegible] and St. Faith's Chapel. Finished after lunch and then took [illegible] for walk. Coal [illegible] slight drizzle so I carried rain coat. Walked to [illegible] by Chinese road got butter. Saw Viola [illegible] and her children and [illegible] Fosters get out rides. Home by Cross Cart. Got tea and then [illegible] bills till time to prepare dinner. Made a black mess of frying eggs and bacon but C. [illegible] a [illegible], tomato salad and Mrs. [illegible] had left a custard pudding and we filled up on dates. [illegible] finally consented to eat a little raw meat and cheese. Washed up and did not get to bed till 12

(afternoon [illegible] [illegible])

SATURDAY May 24th 1947

Slept till 7.30 so Guy got Mrs Newman cannot get in Letter fr. Marguerite Grof Mildred dans[?] out like Geschwadt and wants to take Pilot Sally Called that we must consider M's need but would gladly take it on her terms. Lovely cool sunny morning. Drove to Symmes for Conway a Pump & licey. Paid men. Asked Chapley to dig some horse-radish for me. She did pint of beef. C & I walk down to a ford and to look at lilacs so beautiful everywhere this year. After lunch stamped cards. Mended knee of my grey tweed trousers. Picked lilacs and put them in vase in sitting room. C. wanted them as she expected Viola to tea but she telephoned that she was too tired from planting tomatoes. Walked across Rich. ledge. After tea pressed my trousers. Made fresh salad for supper. Have had clear strait fine

Sunday May 25th 1947

Up 7.30 good fire in kitchen and hot water for bath. Cable fr. Marguerite can [illegible] Petit [illegible]. Wore grey flannel vest and pink warm knickers. Started darning blue stockings but have more holes. C. of E. Church and look at [illegible] after. Laburnum was very beautiful. All blooms more prolific than ever seen before. After lunch finished blue stocking and mended Cardigan jacket. Took Puss for walk to [illegible] woods and back by old school house and Rackham farm. Perfect May afternoon warm sun and deep blue sky. Home 5.15 Got tea and [illegible]. Emily rang wanted to know if Ann had enough money to go to Domestic training college. Says Chris. & Maidstone will probably have catty where Ann is going. Finished Cardigan walk in garden [illegible]. Mr & Mrs [illegible]. [illegible] hot mutton & egg for dinner. Washed up etc.

Mrs [illegible] to [illegible] in [illegible] yesterday [illegible]

Whit Monday May 26th 1947

Pass jumped up from my bed in the night and woke me up and ran barking downstairs because of cats caterwauling outside. C. was going to bed and brought him back. Woke 7 and then fell asleep again – did not get up till 8.30 when Mrs Norman & [illegible] [illegible] waiting for coast. After breakfast went over to Evelyn to [illegible] out if she would combine the vegetables with her market garden. Suggested I speak to Norman & Charlie. [illegible] Price Allen about lost keys to luggage. Got Pakkas trunk from Cottage left to take to Paris. Sewed button on Cardigan. Down to his bed and weeded garden all [illegible] day. After lunch we had terrible scene – it started in dining room, speaking of her mothers happy life and how she had borne her disabilities, she said she thought she had borne her better than [illegible] well. I murmured agreement but she said it supposed I disagreed and she deeply resented my attitude and hated to accept my help. I left dining room [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] she [illegible] [illegible] started on Daniel until she left – very angry. Mended [illegible] [illegible]. Took Pass for walk in [illegible] [illegible] Church a [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] C. when I got

[illegible]

Tuesday May 27th 1947
Up 6.30 Made fire in [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] for C.
[illegible] David and John [illegible]
at station, David has been
in Germany seeing Richard [illegible]
Up to London 9.10 [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] here in Geneva [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] are [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] There [illegible] only [illegible]
for [illegible] [illegible] not in League
of Nations but in [illegible]
contact [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
of Countries [illegible] at [illegible]
[illegible] James [illegible] [illegible]
to get him rooms for next
week. [illegible] Robinson
about C's Passport. Lunch
Colombo [illegible] to Princess Gate
[illegible] Countess about C's
passport & got [illegible] for [illegible]
Tel. [illegible] C. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] as [illegible] in America
and longs for [illegible]
Home [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] C. Tel. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] E. Van [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Wednesday May 28th 1947
up 6.30 after dreaming of
Queen Mary and staying in Palace
when I overslept and caught by
her half dressed. Had to build
fire in boiler - mass of clinkers.
Misty morning. Read Sun. Breakfast
brought at station up 9.10. Read
New Statesman. Army in Palestine costs
more than the profit on Arab oil.
Stopped at Tinsley Hotel. Tagore can
give us room. but I had to listen
to long account of his plan to interest
Kenneth Walker in his excellence and
his predicament - owing to expiration of lease of Hotel. Called at
Roger Bennett - got Peter's
clothes. Dictated to Miss C. Lunch
2.30 Mrs Tarr & dates. Tel
Lurkil Mathias accepting dinner Fri.
James got own French visas. Took
small trunk & letter back to
Carstein Closing books. Admin 33
Mrs Hayman got dinner for us & uncomfortably gave Press the stat I had
prepared. Read [illegible]. Washed dishes

THURSDAY MAY 29th 1947
up 6.30 Boiler still alight
Another laundry day. Draft cardigan
& argyle Thin Under Shirt
To Victoria. W. draft letter to
Professor Whitnall about Peter.
Stopped at Burgess for fence cut
& got paper at P.O. for Whitnall
letter. Found I had forgotten
my cheque book so could
not get tickets at ... x
office. Got sent receipts for
... at bank after
sorted papers etc. in ... &
... Tel. to ... that they
expect us but has not heard
from me. Lost it and as usual
fumbled about among my papers
trying to find it. Mr. ...
... & others ... tickets
and to Peter ... about my
... W. & Tel ... C.B.
Home 5.4 ... writing ...
from Marguerite ... letter about
Peter Sally. Started Packing & ...
Paris ... Mrs Norman made
... Finished 12.45 & bed

Friday May 30th

Another lovely hot day.
Up 5.30 Bertie [illegible] that out
and made up [illegible] small [illegible].
Finishing packing - Paid [illegible] &
saw Humphrey about stain-glass
into basement for cottage lights.
Mrs Hunt came [illegible] her
letters to say goodbye much
more cheerful. Talk Wyndham's
engagement announced in Times
to Ursula Wyndham-Quin. Took
[illegible] exp. 10.10. [illegible]
to Bank & Tim went on to
Inchester. I got out [illegible]
[illegible] and collected [illegible]
tickets at Am. Ex. Office. [illegible]
fr. Hampton's re [illegible] for
178. [illegible] increased [illegible] B. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Talk [illegible]
[illegible] very nice [illegible]
game from [illegible] Chicago [illegible]
[illegible] Mustang. [illegible]
[illegible] jacket [illegible]. T [illegible]
to [illegible] at E. [illegible] this [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] U.S. Embassy [illegible]

SATURDAY May 31st
up 8.30. C. to Franciscans (?)
H.C. I went with Mrs.
Archie bkfst at Drama
League. C at Agutters (?) suits
at Carters for C. office & got
shirts etc. Back to Dorchester
& lunch wi. G. Dess (?) stayed
wi. warm - training at back.
Sorting my things & to
office with superfluities.
Met C. for tea and then
to Fremont (?) tapestries. Beautiful
series of Lady with the
unicorn. Sat awhile in
Brompton Oratory and
then to Gallas (?) Patricia
Coates (?) then. Then went
with Freddie to Lady
Lyde (?) Park Hotel. Very
pleasant. Back to
Dorchester and had
drinks - perfectly [illegible]

SUNDAY June 1st, 1947
up 5.30. Very hot day.
Out at 12.15 and went with
C.G. at Tuscan Hotel. Engaged
room 25 looking out on St.
James Church yard. On to lunch
w. Edward Wyndhams &
Freda Restaurant. Back to hotel
by bus. Shook up room clean
and made a little bath. Peter
arrived and he went with me to
leave box [illegible] at Wyndhams
and on to office where Peter
tried on his grey suit & flax
jacket altered by Roger Beresford
he took grey suit back to hotel
I left ~~[illegible]~~ at office & we came
back to the [illegible] [illegible]. Told
him about Peter Sully. Think he
will want to come. Took him to
tea & went to see Mr Carter at
Berkeley Square flats. Saw Commander
Russell who has been fined £40,000 for
currency offences. Dinner R.T.O.C.

Monday 2nd June 1947

up 7.0 a.m. Packed. C. & I had my butter for breakfast. Left at 10.25 for Victoria and to Paris by Golden Arrow. Very hot but Channel quite smooth & C. not at all ill! She had sandwiches on train but I had lunch on boat. No trouble at Customs on either side. Tea on train to Paris. Helen met us and took C. home in car while I followed in taxi which I eventually got. Tried to change a pound at Ritz but was refused so borrowed 20 fr. from Jacques to pay taxi. Helen gave us gin & vermouth and then we all went up to change. I am in my [illegible] room [illegible] stairs. Delicious little dinner with too much white wine. Helen very smart. Talked

After dinner & C. showed photographs of A etc.

Tuesday. Wake 5.30 (June 3)
First thoughts. The day begins
the servants running past are
awake. Breakfast 10.30. Talked
Mr Abramski. Up to see E. who
feels affectionately to Helen.
Talk Mr. Abramski about a
young man to go about with him
to talk French. Mr A. went out to get
us a taxi and took about it [illegible]
Then E & I went to town to [illegible] and she
ordered a hat. Back to lunch
extraordinarily good. Afterwards
E. went to rest and I went with
Helen in car to Pere La Chaise to
see Stanley's stone - a great slanting
slab of granite dark & polished
on a terraced platform with a
raised cross. Overlying surface.
Name not yet incised. In one part
of cemetery where workmen were
still engaged. Then to see Bartholdi's
famous monument aux morts
[illegible] - but got E. to Bagatelle
tea. beautiful [illegible] but also [illegible]
Remnant expected to dinner but
did not come. [illegible] E talked
to [illegible] about romance

My first visit to Stanley's grave

Wednesday June 4th 1947
Paris woke 6.30 dozed &
called 7.30. Hot muggy morning
Fedden [illegible], but C. was
not ready in time to meet [illegible]
at [illegible] in the Passy Exposition
Fedden leaving for Switzerland [illegible]
Dr. Abramski said young student
might come today 10.30 to
talk French & go about with
me. She had told Helen and
she was annoyed. As he had not
come at 11.30. C. & I went out &
I got a taxi while she sat in
[illegible]. We went to the [illegible] &
got tickets for return and for
going to Switzerland. At lunch
C. spoke of [illegible] and
Abramski was entering [illegible]
Helen. After Helen went to [illegible]
C. rested & I did some mending.
Then Helen [illegible] to [illegible]
where all the [illegible] were [illegible].
At dinner Helen remarked [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Thursday Jan 5th 1947.
up 7.30 Young man Daniel
Perret 2 bis rue Berthe came to
talk French & recent ugly me
by Metro to see Mrs Bradley
and took me home. I gave
him fr. 500. Helen left us
Wednes pr. Mme le
Breton at Inter Allies Club.
She knows Bertha & saw her on
Tuesday. Says Dinan Matthews
husband has left her and gone
off with another woman. Went
home with Mme le Breton and got
Brown Betty. Then to Samaritaine
where Helen got her coat & taken
about 1 dozen Cs. Then to
Impressionist Exhibition.
Home to tea. Q. finds Helen a life
drawing. Took tucks in left shirt
sleeves. After dinner Helen
read her poem to the grad
to a lady who expressed
much admiration which she
really felt. We went to bed
as usual at about 10.30

Friday Jan 6th 1947
[illegible] Jacques [illegible] & Dawn
Stanley [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible]
all in library. He was too
busy preparing for luncheon
[illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]
kindly brought them all down
[illegible] looked through them.
when Helen [illegible] down [illegible]
that she had been [illegible]
down. She said she [illegible]
have brought down [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] existing list. She
left me in distress & I went on
[illegible] the [illegible] Burke Roach
and Mrs [illegible] & [illegible]
Walkowsky to lunch. Then
out in Cab. Saw [illegible] at
exhibition. Helen complained
of pain and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] out again in taxi and
got her [illegible] at [illegible] & showed
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] had gone [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] had dinner & spent evening
alone. [illegible] [illegible] attended.

Saturday June 7th 1947
Rainy day. Helen out night
ing. Took up had not enough
petrol to fuel car in going to
Chartres owing to the gasoline strike
on so we planned to go to Fontainebleau
instead. I w. Helen a note about
Hadley's clothes. We set out in car
about 12 with Helen a bit stiff
but she softened and we had a
pleasant day. Luncheon at Eagle
Hotel and visited Napoleon's
apartments. C. found distances
rather too much. Returned in
time for tea. M. Arnavant
came to Louis le Breton. C.
liked them both and there
certainly is something angelic
about Arnavant. After dinner
we talked a little and listened
to music on the radio. H.
went to bed early and
C. sat up in small library
reading [illegible] Francis [illegible]
of a Lady. I undressed and
then came for Gladys in dressing gown

[illegible]

Sunday ~~May~~ June 8th

C. feeling rather desperate at prospect of Alex refusal [illegible] by strikes. I went with Kiki to the Remonstrants Protestant Church very austere building. Congreg. others poor and plain. Pastor young and earnest in General Booth's. French hymn translated from English "All my Conduct" Tel ma conduite C'est par la main il me conduit." When we got back I had a little talk with Kiki about Harley's Father and came to some understanding. After lunch we went to play Les Amours des Trois Ordres. Pleasant Commedia del Arte with fascinating Venetian Costumes. I hardly understand a word. Aunt C. + Kiki were bored so I decided at once [illegible] to tea w. Mary Churchill Humphrey in old apartment. Cold dinner and we helped ourselves. Packed some of my things w. Marguerite

Monday June 9th 1947
up. 7.20. Telephoned Am. Ex.
9 o'c. and found strike still
on and no trains today but
possibility of getting to London by
air, which neither G. nor I want
to do. We went out at 11 o'c.
(got money at Am. Ex.) and G.
ordered blue felt hat at
Suzannes and then had her hair
waved at Coiffeur opposite while
I called at Brentano's and
talked to Mr Baxter. Home we.
big bunch of lilies from Helen
Pleasant luncheon. Called Helen
who was going for walk at
St Cloud. Insists on taking us
out to Cinema before G. goes to
rest. She dropped us and we did
not go to cinema but took taxi
G. had not ready. Am. Ex. Mr
Hanson not hopeful of train. G.
rested at Femina et Chanel
while I called W. Smith. Home
Desmond back for Cie. N. Zaniel,
came to tea and back also.
After dinner Helen changed to her
annual pictures - letters of house

Sunday ~~May~~ June 8th
C. feeling rather desperate
at prospect of Alex's
[illegible] [illegible] by strikes. I
went with Helen to St
Sacrament's [illegible] Christ
very [illegible] [illegible]. Congreg.
also poor and plain.
[illegible] young and earnest in
General [illegible]. French hymn
translated from English "Lead me
Conduis toi me conduit - C'est
par la main qu'il me conduit."
When we got back I had a
little talk with Helen about
Harvey's letter and came to some
understanding. After lunch
we went to play "Les Amants
des [illegible] [illegible]." [illegible] Comedie
del Arte with fascinating
Venetian costumes. I hardly under-
stood a word. But C. + Helen were
bored so I did not mind much
To tea Miss Mary Churchill [illegible]
in old apartment. Cold dinner
and we helped ourselves. Packed
some of my things to Marguerite

Monday June 9th 1947
up. 7.30. Telephoned Am. Ex.
9 o'c. and found strike still
on and no trains today but
possibility of getting to London by
air, which neither G. nor I want
to do. We went out at 11 o'c
(Got money at Am. Ex) and G
ordered blue felt hat at
Suzanne's and then had her hair
waved at Coiffeur opposite while
I called at Brentano's and
talked to Mr Baxter. Home with
big bunch of lilies for Helen
Pleasant luncheon. Left Helen
who was going for walk at
St Cloud. Insisted on taking us
out to cinema before G. joined
us. She dropped us and we did
not go to cinema but took taxi.
G.'s hat not ready. Am Ex. Mr
Hanson not hopeful of train. G.
rested at [illegible] et Chaussée
while I called W. T. Smith. Tom
Desmond back from A.E.N.Z. [illegible]
came to tea and back at 9.
after dinner Helen showed us her
animal pictures - pictures of houses

Tuesday Jan 10th 1947

up 7.30. Tel. Mr Hanson
Am. Ex. No hope of getting
off today. Has reserved sleep
[illegible] for us on Saturday if we cannot
go today. Mr Abramski says
de Gaulle is using strikes as step
to regain power & backed by U.S.A.
Big business. Cold day but sun.
C. & I went in taxi 11 o'c. We got
her blue felt hat and then
walked to Rue de Faubourg
St Honoré stopping in Palace
Church. Got a taxi in front
of British Embassy and came
home to luncheon. After lunch I
went to rest and then played
piano. Later we drove to St Germain
and walked on terrace. Lovely after-
noon. C sat on bench and Helen
and I went a little way into forest.
Helen Betty dropped [illegible] [illegible]
where she had a bad one & Helen
gave her another. Passed old palace
in car and C. & I got out & looked at
tomb of James II in Church. [illegible]
when I got home. After dinner we
went 8 to piano concert by
Robert & Gaby Casadesus. Stopped at

Frank [illegible]

Wednesday Jan 11th 1947
up 7.30. Promises another
perfect day. Tel. Am. Ex. but
Haines not arrived. tel Henry
Grattan but he had gone out.
C. & I to American Ex. & paid
for ticket to Montreux. Bus
fare to Calais £4 for each &
private car. Inquired about the
plane. Enquired about rooms
at France et Choiseul. Looked
at blouses & dress material.
Home 12.40. Diamond to lunch
and Helen took them in car to a
country walk at Saint Cloud.
Sent C. going to town at Ambulance
w Paul. Tel. to Marguerite. To tea
with Madame Le Breton, Louise,
a Canadian doctors wife and
Madame Le B's daughter came in and
another woman. Stopped near
building where Cora had an
apartment in rue Washington.
C. & I walked to Av. Kleber. C & I got
post cards to send to men w. Shape
After dinner we read poetry
C read Scott [illegible] & Helen [illegible] [illegible]

Thursday June 12th
up 7-30 Rainy day. strike settled. Mr
Hansen offered us seats for
Golden Arrow today but C.
decided to wait till tomorrow.
Telegraphed Mrs Hook. Tel. Bro[illegible]
Co. Sat in library & drew gown
making Shakespeare's Boy Actors.
Went in taxi to see Bernais
in his studio-like apartment
rooms. Bernais came in at
the end and insisted on running
down stairs to bring up his
old aunt - she pretty
sparse trim grey hair
and long frock. Much happy
very talkative and quaint.
After lunch, Helen went to
[illegible] and I went to [illegible]
and got tickets for tomorrow
[illegible] Leather came to tea
stayed on. C wanted to spend
evening in library but Helen
had it all planned and insisted
staying with him in drawing room
though she did vaguely suggest

[illegible]

Friday June 13th 1947

Up 6.30. Tel Dorchester to
Helen dressed at 9.15
ready to take G to station
but G said she preferred to
go together with luggage in
taxi which she accepted with
rather bad grace but afterwards
melted. I talked to her about Mr
Abramski and advised her to let
Mr Mellor try to terminate her contract
[illegible] [illegible] or desert. She sees
no point in having it made till
a decision at [illegible] matter is settled. G & I
left at 11 tipping Jacques 100 fr.
and Jeanne Marie 500. I told Abramski
I would pay for [illegible] on my re-
turn. We were in last carriage
of [illegible] coach wh. frightened G. but
we had a smooth journey to Calais
and a good crossing though a little
movement at first. So that G. out
again to [illegible] cabin. Lunch on
train to Calais. Tea on boat and
dinner on train to London. Own
money just about held out. Got
a [illegible] at Dorchester, [illegible] [illegible]
pictures & portrait of Queen Wilhelmina
Dawes for a drink - bed about 12

RAIN

Saturday June 14th 1941

Up 8:30. Cool grey day turning to rain. To office w. out [illegible] and hat [illegible] things to be altered. Took hats to Barnards in [illegible] St. but found it closed. @ 1 met at [illegible] for lunch @ [illegible] [illegible] Exeter Hall for [illegible] [illegible] but found [illegible] [illegible] and then got [illegible] for Jalen [illegible]. Looked after [illegible]. W. draft letter to Mr Brierley + [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] @ [illegible] Tea at [illegible] Hall's 5:15 to [illegible]. T [illegible] started to [illegible] 10 [illegible] at Dorchester. Mr [illegible] met us with taxi. Douglas still away ill [illegible] Cari [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] out to greet us. Mrs [illegible] [illegible] better [illegible] [illegible] and Mrs Norman getting dinner. After dinner [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] off. Took [illegible] out and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] if she must go [illegible] called at [illegible]. [illegible]

FAIR
Sunday June 15th 1947
up late & made fire in
kitchen & breakfast 10:30
The honey I bought last
autumn is fermenting.
Charley has burnt accounts
for eggs or fruit. After various
odd jobs, settled down at about
12 to write to Helen as C. was
away. After lunch took Mrs
Nash over garden which in
every way is better than Castle.
When C. went to rest I took Puss
for walk. Question whether called
[illegible] who does not think
[illegible] in kitchen of cottage is
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] dis-
appeared as of Cross Cut Cottage.
[illegible] [illegible] by the kitchen,
Oat-tea. Note for Evelyn asking
for cottage for Cally. Mix!
[illegible] says Evelyn [illegible] her dining
[illegible] [illegible] brought Cally [illegible] well.
Salad & [illegible] beef for dinner. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
list of [illegible] for cocktail party
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] 12.35

Monday 16th June.

Up 7 o/c. Made boiler fire & ready for breakfast 8.10 Peyote's horses. Meat aubergine [illegible] another stew 9.10 for Victoria [illegible] letter to Julian in draft. Stopped to Adams Harley [illegible] all my [illegible] at Roger Beresford. Tel. fr. Alinda that Nannie has met with accident, feet & hurt her forehead; cannot call. Tania taking Baroness Blixen to see Queen's gardens. Finished letter to Julian. Tel. Marian White giving Sim's address. Tel. fr. Beaumont giving details of possible copyright infringement and so missed [illegible] Sidney Cockerell. Took clothes to Roger Beresford to be altered. Lunch Colombe d'Or. Call fr. Sydney Cockerell who wants to meet Tania Blixen. W. list of names for Julian's party. Home 5.30. G. took news of Nannie's accident without recrimination against me, but much distressed. Made salad. Cold supper

[illegible] washed up. Made [illegible]

[illegible]

Tuesday Jan 17th.
up 6.30. Made boiler fire & had
good bath. G. to Reading 9.10
Sunny day turning very warm.
Telephoned G. at hairdressers but
Tania Blaxs cannot come to lunch
so G. lunched at Lady Crabstone's
where she met Antoinette and they came
home talked about Helen G-B. Tania
lunching in. Marguerite Wachilses & G
telephoned to her [illegible]. Tel. Mowes who
called at Selfridges and saw G. at
Chiropodists and persisted in her
criticism of G's play "Ladies' Mile".
John & Sammy at paper-mill today
Tommy says that another Leslie
novel was Martyn: Malaya likely to
come out in June & both go country
on Sunday Times £1000 for book
published in year ending Jan 30th.
Dictated to Alix. C. lunch. Calendar
1'oc. Called Barton who wanted
Berkeley Square flat but he had
left for the day. Everybody [illegible]
for John's party. Signed letters. Met
G. on train from [illegible] 5.30. She thinks
it may be best for Nannie to remain
at Alfreda. Mrs. Vanna out and
dinner and I made [illegible]

Wednesday June 18th
up 7.0'C and found a
good deal but got 9.18
all right. Talk Sidney
about Eustace & Hilda &
Malaya V which are
promising for June 30th
Signing letter that Mrs C. had
not finished. Last night
dictated Mrs C. W. Grey
note to Sidney about her
unmeasured letter wh. I had
not answering or answering
Annette Martyn Skinner
[illegible]. He told me story that
[illegible] had a [illegible]
[illegible] Queen of Egypt
and was smuggled into the
palace by Butler together
called Boston Bloomsbury
Very [illegible] but not true. [illegible]
[illegible] 5.30 [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] after [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Thursday Jan 19th 1947
up 6.45. Made boiler fire
and was ready to leave at
8.30. Talked C. Humphrey
about steps east of kitchen.
Mr Head late from Fordham arrived
by taxi only at 9.7 missed train
at Hunstanton + raced on to Peterboro
stuck in fog, long + cold journey
and train in station would not
wait for us. Waited 1 hr. @ Peterboro
Still cold day. C. to hairdresser
arrived London 11.30. C. dropped me
at Green Park and I went on by bus.
Called Bourne about Berkeley Sq.
flats. Office 12 o'c. Lunched at
Tobin's. Letters and mail. Taxi to
Claridge's Met C. Sir Sidney Cockerell
and finally Tania for luncheon.
golden vest with a rose. but Tania
talked all the time and did not look
at C. who minded. Violetta L. there
having luncheon w. Virginia the yes
nicely Dorothy + Paine W. did greet
C. + I to Selfridge for purchase photographs
Then to Scarrots about Cocktail party
then to office. Frederick told us of return
of his baby girl. Taxi to Victoria home 5.30.

Friday June 20th

Rainy day. Out in dining garden & plastic mulchism ... last night. Started plan for Stair-case with Hughes. Dance to square ... for ... & ... Black ... Sorted ... for ... tax. After lunch prepared by ... Search called in newspaper to telephone and we discussed ... papers etc for Cottage Kitchen Stairs. After tea took ... for walk in soaking rain along ... Came ... he would attack sheep but ... didn't. Rubbed him dry when we got home & he has stayed ... since. Got dinner washed up etc

Saturday Jan 21st
Up late and built boiler fire after Mrs H. had arrived but water hot for our baths. Mr Cramphorst arrived at 10 & says he must help Humphrey about Stone for cottage kitchen fire place. Down to Square for money and stamps. Paid Mrs. Tied up C's dress in neat parcel for Betty & letters. Mr Harman got setting [illegible] [illegible]. Stamped cards and struggled with accounts till 4.0 & [illegible] [illegible] Pass for [illegible] as far as [illegible] hedge to lilies. Changed clothes after starting on letters. C. completed. Got [illegible] and nuts & [illegible] Cake expecting Mr Lamcraft who did not come. Tea with Mr & Mrs Scaife showing them round when Peter & Michael Fuel arrived in school [illegible]. C. to supper 9.30

(Dep 12.30 (C. started) reading after Tea)

Sunday June 22nd 88°?
Lovely day. up 7.45
Peter & Michael [illegible] around
after sleeping on haystack
[illegible] off on bicycles 10.30
to church. W. Berg. [illegible]
re liquor for cocktail party. W.
Evelyn about Polly's bed for cottage
[illegible] talk w. Miss Douglas
after service. Miss D. has been trying
to befriend A. but after talk [illegible]
O.K. she is a dreamer and is think-
ing about something else and so
has these accidents at her work.
washed my hair. After lunch
read papers. Took Peter for
walk to [illegible] woods. He
[illegible] off along cornfield [illegible]
[illegible] Christian [illegible] and only
overtook [illegible] Mr [illegible].
so exhausted [illegible] to lay on
floor panting and [illegible]
[illegible] an hour. Emily [illegible]
turned [illegible] my [illegible] for [illegible]
to take [illegible] Scott [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]! 8 [illegible]
face. Then [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
wanted to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

(left margin, vertical:) [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

(right margin, vertical:) [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Monday June 23rd 1947
up 6.30. Tel Kerr for [illegible]
[illegible] season. Crunchest about
[illegible] that big stone. Lawrence
stopped in a taxi man after me
left & I was much relieved [illegible]
[illegible] Lorry. Talk Lawrence
station platform, said I did not
think Cunard was strict enough
with A. She [illegible] in apparent except
I [illegible] list for Tahiti [illegible]
imitations & expt. Stopped at [illegible]
Burlingame but my clothes not
ready. At office looked through
letters etc. After met Jane for
lunch. Claridges. She said that
Countess Frigs said I had said she
was difficult — so she suggested
she should take her books
to someone else. I think she
was influenced by the fact that
Hess makes so much money
for her in U.S.A. But she professed
to be satisfied with my assurances.
Took her to Cocktail at Art
gallery where she met Countess
Kenmare. Back to office. Jane
& John discussed [illegible] — work
recommended by Corry & Offers
Ltd. gen. meeting. Home 6.15

Tuesday Jan 24th

Early up & Loomis in coach with me and all the way was giving directions to "Bonnie" about her parties at office dictated to Mrs G. and got through a lot of work. Tel. Berry & Leavey about wiring. Had continued agitation about her reminiscences of the matter for the Women's Exposition in Phila. [illegible] turned her on to Castor Press. Lunch [illegible] Tad. & Cherries. Signed letters. Gave John Shirley [illegible] [illegible] on. W. Olisse & [illegible] [illegible] about [illegible] memorial. Home 5-30 in [illegible]. [illegible] station, E. getting thro her packing etc. Tea. Warmed up chowder & [illegible] [illegible]. Put [illegible] woollen clothes etc. again for Eva to pack with [illegible]

met W. Martin on station 20th

Wednesday June 25th
Charley says he can sell all
our stuff to Agts. W. draft
letters to Ottawa. To Skelton & Miss
Knopf. Out wires A & N. to be
called for on Fri. Lunches & milk
Phillips. Tel. Hampton. Seeley.
Joseph. Baxter. Talk Talk
Arranged Latham Lunch. met
Thursday. Out to Beach.
Cutcombe 2.04. Seem nettles
James because he had not
advertised letters to Malaya or
told me that it would not be
ready this week. Call for
Zimmerman who wants to write
against dictated letters
to Knopf about Sumo. Home
5.30 Mrs Newman getting dinner
Paid bills. C. down to wood
to get lilies Mr. Paine. I made
salad with dash of spring onion
Started packing after dinner
C. reading "Last Days of Hitler".
Cleaning through rubbish. Had to
Capt. Paine to get him to eat
his dinner

G. A up to have dinner 9.10

THURSDAY June 26th

G. with luggage to get her ... at Dipdene's and by the Dachau
I went to office and at Joseph
that I did not want any
heater during at 17/6 a bottle.
Tel Searcey. Left G. from Embassy
& registered. Then to Bank
and got out the Chatterley
clips and left Kikin's tapes
to Am Ex. Home and Cuthbert
Harrods also for ...
to Pappi Rodd to get
Black Currants syrup and
dental Gears and Mitta
Darkhatin lunch. To
Swiss legation to get visas
& found out about customs
entry in to Switzerland. To
Searcy. Met Melly Very Wags
Back to office dropping G. at
Academy Cinema. Malaya &
I telephoned ... that it was out
G meeting & I rested. Dinner downstairs

+ & sat in bath. Tuesday G [illegible]

Friday June 27th 1947

up 7.30 and office before 10 o'C Dictated to Miss C. and got through a lot of work. Talk James about salaries. Pateman staff must take some of their reward in pleasant work [illegible] conditions not expect "market rate" of pay. Haircut Burgess. Cloudburst with lightning striking all about and arcade a growing torrent. Lunch Fooding. Got press clippers at A & N. waited for taxi and then took bus to Scarry at 23 Knightsbridge. Welt was not around. Went to 89 Sloane St. and finally got them to send it. office signed letters. No taxis so [illegible] to [illegible]. C. to Knightsbridge & I [illegible]. Tea [illegible] and [illegible] 5.30. C. Kay, John & Viola & Olivia [illegible] others straggled in until at six we had a great crowd about [illegible] people. Richard [illegible] [illegible], Freda, Nelly St. C., Ursula, [illegible] Margaret [illegible], Eddie [illegible], Jack Sproule, Angela Thirkell, ~~[illegible]~~, [illegible] Mathews. Moira, Jane & [illegible] Clifford Smithers, Wolfram, Robin Chancellor, Kay [illegible] James & Jean, McKnoff, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] John, [illegible]

Saturday June 28th 1947

up 7.30 Decided not to go to Innsbruck till afternoon. To Cafe [illegible] & took away Harley [illegible] Coat to [illegible] [illegible], Packers [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & Hills. Got [illegible] for G. etc. Back to [illegible] packed a bit & then joined G. after lunch [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] Ursula, Mark & Anne. Talked to Anne about Mark [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] like. G. had just given her £10. as wedding present. Ursula has had her dog [illegible] to [illegible] skin disease. [illegible] very pleasant. Back to hotel. G. rested & I finished packing. Tea & home 5.19. New man driving taxi in Norman's. got dinner. Unpacked and started to sort clothes for Switzerland. Not so much to do as last year because most personal things still packed away. Beautiful sunset in Northern sky. View from N with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] bright [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. V. [illegible] called in G

Sunday June 29th 1947
up 8.15 & made brekkie for
Mrs Ford & Mrs Norgrove
already arrived. Not my hot
bath but all right for E. at
9.10. Started at once after
breakfast emptying drawers
etc. Charly & Mr Hedwight took
off to hall for E. Opened
stable & Peter's House. Cut
out clothes for Ivy & Elf.
Charly & I took chest of drawers
to Peter's House for his stuff.
E. to church & met me at lunch
a wonderful sermon by Mr. S
on St. Peter comment on "and after
when another shall lead you
away". That it may whether we will
took Peter for usual walk.
... detached wall ... two ... stable
... above ... & chestnut
... but not very big. Tea -
E. & I called on Carpenters & met
Nancy Wedgewood who brought
Susie to Christopher. ... helped E.
... coffee back - my old love
... Got supper late. Charlie
called about taking Laura

Monday June 30, 1947
Woke @ 3.30 up 6.30. Made fires & had hot bath. Paid Shanley by Cheque. Foot has been painful for some time — left foot. May be a bunion. Slept most of way to London. Mr & Mrs Bdn. on Coach. He looks very old. Spoke to him on platform & said we missed him at the Directors. He said "Well it couldn't be helped" and asked me to come to see him at Browns. To Mass. Dreamt advice altering a morning coat. To Beresford & tried on grey coat & same coat. Office till 1. C. says a Major Buckle has been to see Hanks. Lunch Mrs Tav. Talk Major Buckle who wants the house. Question between Newland Tompkins & Hampton. Message to Cully Ehres that she can have cottage. Taxi to Victoria. Home 5.30. Mamed some 3 letters things. Cat very bad. Summer bed 12.40

Tuesday July 1st 1947

G & I up to London 9.10
Slept in train. To 23 Knightsbridge
with her in taxi & took remains
of hymns back to office. She
had her hair waved and
lunched with the ladies. At
office call fr. Kinnaird re:
Lochhead Quickest. Looked
at James's religious poems &
his - shepherds. Not inspired.
Lunch Nos Tav. Took my
old morning Coat & Londey
waistcoat to (Berry) and did
Stanleys grey top hat to Bernard
Tel. Cathy about cottage
& Hampton et al. Met G. &
home 5.30. Mr Headley
Douglas still ill with belief
Mrs Norman made our dinner
but I made Cassis. Cathy in
bed 11 o'c. The (?) robin, Peter
had jumped out of window,
Cathy brought him back 11.45

Wednesday July 2nd 1947
My watch somehow got gluey
and when I was ready to start for
station I discovered & found it was
only 8.30 walk to station rather
unpleasantly as I had rheumatism
in neck and shoulder and
twinges of gout in left foot
& right arm so rode ch to
finish at Office. Dictated
some letters to Miss C. Lunch
alone by 2 pm. Home 5.30 in
taxi to station and at Amersham by
carrying parcel of honey and
marmalade and honey and
my despatch case with things
started getting my [illegible]
wp[illegible] spilled. Then to bed
in Alfreda's room on the bed
as I got drowsy and I woke
up as usual got Paxie's
dinner and took him out
My stiff neck no better.
Discussed Alex's clothes w.
C. She will wear her mother
from stripes of John's weekly
and C will get her a knit

Reflex called in afternoon. [illegible]
got him hat at [illegible]
got lovely grey [illegible]

Thursday July 3rd 1947

Sniffy much better but gout-
in foot worse. Wore big brown
shoes and wood suit (dark
by Tailor) clatter in my case
Called at Hm E.I. for tickets
and Golden Arrow reservation.
Got out documents after I
lunch etc for safe and Burke
arrived as I was on my knees
by place. He appeared remarkably
perfect dressing at Maria on
front. Talked with him about [illegible]
say he hates Pallance who has
tried to get him away from me
so he stays for Jimmie Hamilton
and others but one is a party over
Reids Father Carrick. Told
him about E. John's [illegible] back
and Bruce, 9 Little Brown dear,
not taken it. Talk Somersett
about balance sheet [illegible] blue
down. Letters [illegible] dined weary
late. Got clothes for Cage Pares for
and clothes for Commandoes [illegible]
Home [illegible] for 5:30 but waited
for Staton [illegible] pretty [illegible] tried
Then, Norman [illegible] got dinner.

Friday July 4th 1947
Am better up late. Milk
peach early meal. To see
Price Ditta about roof for
kitchen stair. Down to
village re. bottles for Black
farm but did not get any
been because of thunder
washed chair fattys and
packed Peter Mary's ~~away~~.
Hozaki to her C.I. and
stayed for tea but she
annoyed heavily while Cynthia
and I worked. Stamped menu
cards. Hozaki helped at tea
She left a brown velveteen
coat and skirt for the mat
Mildred gave her years ago.
She is going to S. Africa in Aug.
~~[illegible]~~ mother also pieces
Cooper Alexander. I could
not take Pierre for walk
because of work. Got simple
dinner and went on collecting
my things to take to Switzerland

Saturday July 5th 1947
woke 5.30 with severe pain
in right wrist. could not sleep
and up 7.30 difficulty with
washing dressing etc. Pain
so great that I felt faint and
[illegible] and [illegible] was sap and
[illegible]. After breakfast sent
for Dr Venables. Spent morning
in chair by fire in hot
water bottle on my wrist
Venables came at 12 and
diagnosed gout. Fortunately
I had a bottle of his gout
medicine which I started taking
after lunch. Mrs Hawk & Tay
helped me pack and I felt well
enough to meet them.
I could only eat date & milk
for lunch. We got through
most of my packing and put
away things. I was heavy. Mrs
Naylor got tea and dinner.
Felt decidedly better but gave
Jones & Charley to feed & spend night

[illegible]

[illegible]

Sunday July 6th, 1947
Very good night and water far from spin but hand still swollen. ~~Howard got my money for stairs built~~ ~~[illegible]~~ Made out cheques for 4 duties for ms. Cleared out plant remains etc with help from Mrs Houck and, my hand gradually loosened so that I could write. Worked all afternoon. C. got the w. cheques and paid all my bills. Mrs Newman got from Tel. Evelyn and she said Cathy certainly wants cottage. Charley came in to get Pease and we gave him last instructions. Spent evening writing up diary that I had not touched since Wednesday. My hand well enough to write. I think I can shave tomorrow. Have done wrapping but a little packing of my clothes.

Papa uneasy all day [illegible]

[illegible] Made [illegible]

Monday July 7th To bed
after an [illegible]: [illegible] cleaning
1.10 A.M. Did not wake till
7.30 but left bed & had bath
& did everything as usual. [illegible]
much better and shaved without
difficulty. Unpacked cottage and
stable. Had breakfast. Carried
[illegible] then out on errands & [illegible]
[illegible] another stroll to Mrs [illegible]
and Charley. Mrs [illegible] helped
me bundle my clothes in [illegible]
cart. Smith had taken trunk to
Station at noon. Kept [illegible] waiting
in [illegible] & left [illegible]. Chas. & [illegible]
[illegible] & [illegible] and [illegible] with us.
[illegible] Chester & then to [illegible]
[illegible] luggage & to office for clothes
[illegible] remembered had left my
[illegible] clothes & 2 shirts at [illegible].
[illegible] opened trunk and got shirts
out. Back to office. Bought cheap
[illegible] & [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] on doorstep. [illegible] had got [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] and at [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible]. [illegible] up
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] office staff [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
Back to office. [illegible] dinner
w. Archie Hartley

Tuesday July 8th 1947

Dare upstairs up 7 o'c. To office & got C's sandwiches & Am. express & Am. Ex. for ticket to meeting. Dare Christie 10.30. C had got everything down but was in a panic. On board Calder Arrow 10.45. John & Kay & meet Causey & John Duchess present. Rough crossing. C in ladies' cabin pretty miserable but not sick. Saw Kay at Calais said she had got on all right. She looked very pretty, slender with Wood blowing her curly hair. But John looked monstrous. Slept in train to Paris. Wore Harley Wood coat not well altered by Teager Beresford but C likes it. Tea in train. Reached Paris 5.30 and got all luggage on a taxi fare 300. Fran is et choisnel bed-room, either rapor and bath but water only luke warm. Letter of welcome from Helen Granville Barker. C & I went out and dined at little restaurant recommended by Hilda but dinner was poor and expensive for what it was. Gave her dinner and lay on sofa, got bed in front.

Wednesday July 9th
Slept well. No confiture or
milk for breakfast only
bread & butter and tea & sugar
C. out to get her hair dressed
I got my trunk up and
transferred things from my suit
case & make a place for Helen's
things. C. had [illegible] Helen K.
calling for tea. C. & I out
to Am. Ex. got mail. Saw
Mr. Lansing who said Helen
Kay had been trying to get
tickets for Perpignan tonight
He likes Angela [illegible] [illegible]
and him. W. [illegible]
& [illegible] about [illegible] we must
have left in room. Lunch [illegible]
[illegible] Am. Ex. 1000 fr. [illegible]
at all [illegible]. [illegible] Emily
about Emily's Cottage & [illegible]
Chris a long. W. [illegible]
about [illegible]. W. [illegible]. Tea
[illegible] & [illegible] as Helen asked us for good
talk, 3 [illegible] de [illegible] friend of [illegible] [illegible]

TOUR DE PEILZ

Thursday July 10th 1947
Slept badly between Paris & Montreux
up 7.15 Vallorbe on frontier for
customs exam in a[illegible]. Nice breakfast
rolls butter, jam tea. Cool misty day
Met at Montreux by Jean in car &
on to Petit Bailly. Victorian Villa
crowded with [illegible] depleted of
pictures - no place to sit. Got
terribly depressed. Slept most of
morning - then had nice lunch.
unpacked while C. rested. Don't like
my room but decided to try it
Tea in her room and then drove
to Lausanne to see Brocklands at
Carlton Hotel. Blanche 85 bright &
handsome, Eva 75 frightful with
rouge, 92 deaf and chair-ridden
but fine looking in her untidy
way. Back to dinner. Evening
sat about looking at books
C. much depressed and exhausted
it is difficult to see what
we can do here as can have
to manage with no comfortable
chairs. Not suited to C. etc.

Friday July 11th 1947
Slept well & more at used to this room w. narrow bed sticking out straight from wall. Shared bath etc. and breakfast downstairs. Saw rooms of tiny [illegible] and coal tip in a thimble. Grey misty day. Farm children playing and shouting in the road before. Explored Villa Marguerite & read bath room. [illegible] Maud Annette w. C. to [illegible] little blue drawer & [illegible] handkerchiefs in the room. [illegible] in different lunch. Sent [illegible] directions for [illegible] [illegible]
W. Mr Bell enclosing [illegible] Peters admission to St. John's Cambridge. W. Simon Tutor. After [illegible] [illegible] furniture etc. and when C. had finished rest we went in car to Vevey. C went to dentist about her bridge & met Stephanie there. I got references of people who might get me a letter from [illegible] Trois Couronnes. Stephanie back to tea. Stayed till 7 when C drove her back to Montreux station. [illegible] M. [illegible] about [illegible] C back to dinner. Sat in little blue sitting room. Bed early.

Saturday July 12th 1947

Called 7.30. C. had arranged for me breakfast in rolls and honey. W. M. Hutchman about a young man. W. John Session. W. Peter, W. J. MacC. Telling that Peter will not come out here where there would be nothing for him to do. W. Master of St Johns. After lunch C. went early to rest and I offered stay a little. A modern young farmer house is on the hill beyond farm house. Well kept lawns and paths. Then walked along road at back. Young men ... bushes ... stripped to the waist. Weather clear & hot. At 3.15 in car to ... & left note on Hutchman ... to Montreux where C. had dresses at "Knitting" to be altered. I got some envelopes & she got chocolates. Then off to see Shepherd in bed, Valmont Sanitorium. Home dinner & bed

Sunday. (Lovely cool A.M.) 13th
up 7.30. C. called me at
9.10 and asked me to offer
her "Shutters" services to her
I suggested that she arrange
for [illegible] to meet her as she
called me. Breakfast on
table in the garden. W. Green
asking if [illegible] can come
to stay. Moved furniture
with C. [illegible] in drawing
room which not much
improved. Lunch in garden.
Finished letter to Aunt E.B.
Walked along road behind
villa and up a lane where
found some big ripe blackberries
climbed the walls. Saw
the young men picking cherries
a [illegible] and [illegible] room, but
they were small & not very good.
Packed superfluous books & papers
in [illegible] in front passage. C. to
tea in garden and then walked
about Grands Salles, [illegible]
[illegible] house. Black cat & kittens

[illegible]

Monday July 14th 1947
up 7.30. Spoke to C. at 9.30
but she was cross because
I had demurred at spending
shillings for her yesterday.
Breakfast in garden. Lovely
day. W. Aunt Margaret to
W. Emp. Bureau. re. cheques for
clips. To Vevey & waited 1 hour
to see Marguerite's banker who
could do nothing about C's letter
of credit but paid her money in
person & telephone this after-
noon. W. James MacC. Sat(?) in
garden. Finished letter to C.
C. Aunt & I walked up to tiny
village in the hills & back by
Peudret(?). Sat in sun in panama
hat & dozed a bit. Changed into
white shoes socks & trousers &
shirt & blue coat for tea w.
Stephanie. Dressed for dinner.
Went on reading Letters of Maleys(?)
Consecutively but I can't say
they seem to make any particular
impact. Bed 9.45

Tuesday July 15th 1947
up 7.30 Another lovely day.
Breakfast in garden. C. [illegible]
[illegible] out [illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] N.C.
To Lausanne w/ C. 10.30 to
try to get permission for
[illegible] to enter Switzerland but
found we had to [illegible]
at Tour de Peilz, but trip not
wasted as C. got two summer
dresses at [illegible]. Home
for lunch in the garden. [illegible]
Leonard Robinson again & to give
a [illegible] for best
performance of his play.
C. & I to Vevey & applied for entry
for Cristina. Got paper, stamps &
post cards. Tell [illegible] not
to give [illegible] unless [illegible]
[illegible]. Home for tea
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] Schanzy
came to see about [illegible] Fields
[illegible] W.P.C.s [illegible] Robinson
& D. Goodbody who bought [illegible]
for 40/-. Dinner [illegible]. Dad
letters & [illegible]. Bed 9.45

Wednesday July 16th 1947
weather cooler. Jean blue
suit. P.C. to Mrs C. G. in to
[illegible] to have her [illegible] [illegible].
I at Hampton & started letter
to Jimmie about John's
wedding. Joined C. at Vesey
for luncheon at Jeff's [illegible]
that [illegible] later than she
expected and was met by
[illegible]. Luncheon [illegible]
plain and [illegible]. Got
dictionary and Fr. Grammar
at Fayat's. [illegible] an hour
to see throat specialist
for C's [illegible] and then she
would not let him examine
her. [illegible] he make a
diagnosis. [illegible] to
a general [illegible]
[illegible]. Home [illegible] letter
to Jimmie. Tea. Read [illegible]
[illegible]. Worked at my Fr. Grammar
after dinner. [illegible] my money
and thought I had lost a lot. [illegible]
math calculations - think [illegible]

Thursday July 17th 1947
got up to darkness & rain
whilst breakfasting and [illegible] around
the Clearing at 8.30 C. [illegible] Mildred
is coming this afternoon at 4
pm telephoned from [illegible]
C. left in car soon after breakfast
to get Cristina's visa at [illegible]
and her dress at [illegible].
Basket man with flowers
for [illegible] I wrote long
letter to Catharine about
John's weather [illegible] good [illegible]
pressing [illegible] for the
Sessions [illegible]
After lunch studied my Finnish
grammar [illegible] C. went to visit [illegible]
[illegible] Mr. [illegible]
[illegible] Schweizer arrived [illegible]
we walked for two hours up
among the hill villages [illegible]
[illegible] cathedral [illegible] together
a teacher. when I got back
[illegible] Camilla [illegible] Mary [illegible]
here at tea & Stephanie & Camilla
[illegible] distinguished but simple
[illegible] with [illegible] Mary [illegible]
in a [illegible]

[illegible]

Friday July 18th 1947

Woke 4.30 and did not sleep properly after. Slight head there. Breakfast in Garden. C. arranged flowers. Letters fr. Leslie & Aunt Margaret. C. wrote to Aunt M. Finished letter to James MacC. begun several days ago. Started letter to Leslie and finished after lunch. The day started cloudy but cleared into a warm sunny afternoon. Walked up the Valley after tea. The hay has been [illegible] ... by passing [illegible]. Got lost [illegible] ... found [illegible] for our road to Montreux. Stephanie at tea. We all went in car to Montreux where Chr. [illegible] ... we got "Tonics" ... cigarettes for C. & [illegible] ... Bed 10.30 as usual

Saturday July 19th 1947
Lovely sunny day warmer
Tel for John Clarke Draggs
who says she has had
septicaemia for the years
Mrs Jesse Cates of Fromme has
a cold & cannot see us
tomorrow so I said we
would come later
Picked & arranged flowers w.
C. & then she settled down to
write to Africa. W. P. C.
to Mrs Trevelyan and Paul
sent £5. 0. 0 to M. Dixons for
wet [illegible]. After tea
dressed me out in the [illegible] for
a walk. Mrs Schwagner arrived
2.30 and my nephew J.
Chapman de Blen and did not
get back till about 5. P. C.
had been shopping in Frome
and after tea she went to see
doctor Martin who did not find
much wrong with her. She has
not got [illegible]. Dinner in the
garden and as usual to
bed at 10 o'c.

Sunday July 20th 1947

Woke 5 but slept a good
deal after that. C. & I sat
in garden after breakfast.
Mrs Shiro(?) had telephoned and
C. expressed her sympathy
because of the death of
Francesca. Spent morning
typing on sailing sheets and fiddling
about [illegible] hour, then altered C.
writing long letter to Alfred's
about Tahiti(?) wedding and our
leaving Amberley and London.
After lunch talked for a hour
in our little sitting room. Then
C. went to sleep and I dressed
preparatory to going for walk
and tried on shoes & shirts.
Finally started off about 4 in
sleeveless shirt & trousers. The
weather which started cool
& grey turned warm and
bright. Merely walked to Bury
Bignor road & back by Amberley
or Sutton. Tea & C. looked at
servants' rooms – for Christmas
papered strips of rubbing clean(?).
After dinner C. finished her letter to

[illegible]

Monday July 21st 1947
Cold bright morning. C. up
early as we are having luncheon
early & going to Gestaad. C.
joined me while still at breakfast
Spent morning writing letters
[illegible] for [illegible] & Wood. We
[illegible] Charles Scott. [illegible]
12 o'C and then C. had rest
and at 2 we left for
Gestaad [illegible] [illegible]
at [illegible]. Wonderful
drive up the mountain. Very
precipices and hair pin
bends so that I had [illegible]
[illegible] but the last part
was delightful and Chalet is a
most [illegible] by mag-
nificent mountain [illegible]
trees. [illegible] Chalet [illegible]
& comfortable [illegible]
not well placed [illegible] out [illegible]
hill. Camelia [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
most [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] little [illegible] [illegible]
many handsome too. [illegible]

TUESDAY July 2nd 1947
Another lovely bright morning. I had got some bread & I had a often [illegible] for breakfast. W. John H. and Marguerite [illegible] reached [illegible] letter [illegible] Mitchelson. After lunch C. picked [illegible] Zinnias. Then at 2½ C & I went for walk [illegible]. Walked [illegible] in [illegible] & path was [illegible]. Home for tea at 4.30. C had gone to Lausanne & [illegible] at his [illegible]. Sat in [illegible] again and read Gazette de Lausanne and [illegible] and studied my French Grammar. C. came back with [illegible] for a lot of clothes. Dinner again in garden. We always have a little [illegible] and [illegible] after dinner got [illegible] dear.

Wednesday July 23rd
Called [illegible] early. Tried
to get M. [illegible] or to
telephone to find Pierre's
address but he was not at home
or at the school. To Vevey
w. C. who had appointment to
w. dentist & have dressing.
Bought things at Chemist &
read [illegible] & [illegible]
paper p.c.'s and dictionary
Home luncheon & C. filled
[illegible]. I made calculations
but got 500 fr. at bank and
paid M. [illegible] another
350 fr. Also gave C. 350.
Walked to Blonay station w.
[illegible] Chatham and then was un-
certain of way down & ran a good
bit of the way down the steep hill
Arrived about 4.20. C. [illegible] as
she wanted to stay some after [illegible]
To Montreux taking my [illegible] but
no one could fix them. Tea [illegible]
C. had coffee ice. Home by Chailly [illegible]
& [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] disappointed not to

Thursday July 24th
Lovely day. Wrapping [illegible]
warmth. Mended [illegible] [illegible]
Chair [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
& [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] W. J. Mac G.
Post cards & photographs of them
at wedding to Angela & Emily
warm in garden at [illegible]
Read Times & News upon C.
went West & went for short
walk & found way to the [illegible]
Changed to Summer shirt & [illegible]
[illegible] blue shirt & [illegible] dress
[illegible] [illegible]. C. tried on her
blue [illegible] hat - 2 [illegible] dress & her
champagne coloured [illegible]. I got
2 [illegible] blue [illegible] & [illegible]
green & plum [illegible]. Saw [illegible]
[illegible] walking about & [illegible]
shop windows. C. stopped at
[illegible] for dinner [illegible] Dr [illegible].
C. & I walked about [illegible]
charming little park & [illegible]

[illegible] in garden

Friday July 25th 1947

Slightly warmer sort of night — up latish. W. Lamb & H.G. also Tommy suffering Cablelum for naturalization. M.P.C. returns to go with pictures John's wedding that I am sending. Warm day. Constructed huge very hot. After lunch C. sat for some time in garden. She went to rest just as Pierre arrived and he & I sat by the table in garden and he read article in Lausanne paper about Peter, which I found very difficult to follow. Then we went for short walk came Barrier in hot sun. Pierre left. Just started to write. C. came back from meeting of Vevey. Later we went to restaurant — left Napoleon picture to have glass mended & got materials for Dr. Ammann's daily garden

Saturday July 26th 1947

Another hot day. Telegram from Christina a.c. Cam. [illegible] afternoon. W. [illegible] to Mrs Burton about the flats in Berkeley Square and a p.c. to Mr [illegible] [illegible]. W. [illegible] [illegible] from Mrs [illegible] [illegible]. After lunch [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Mary [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] had [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] along [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Changed & went in car to Montreux to meet Christina but found her train did not get in for an hour. On to Byron [illegible] House [illegible] & met Mildred & Mr [illegible] — C. [illegible] [illegible] & Mildred at her [illegible]. Back to Montreux & met Christina looking very well. To Dr. for C's [illegible]. Left her [illegible] brought C. home. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] Christina [illegible] [illegible] C.

Sunday July 27th 1947

up 6.45. Eleni arrived w. my hot water just as I was carrying chamber pot to W.C. Breakfast 7.30 and we took [illegible] to service at St Martin's at 9.45. Back at 11. I have somehow got a twinge of lumbago which got worse. Walked on [illegible] with Bruce "Camels [illegible] [illegible]" before and after lunch when Jim [illegible] heat was great in garden. Then dressed for [illegible] boat trip long walk in sun [illegible] to Château d'Hauteville. I got as far as [illegible] Villard. Back did not [illegible] walking [illegible] for tea. C. has talked about steadily with Christine [illegible] her [illegible]. I must do [illegible] [illegible]. Walked w. Bruce before & after dinner till [illegible]. Read [illegible] to C. who approves. Great help

Monday 28th 1947
Cumpiagd [illegible] [illegible]
Continued to [illegible] a
great [illegible] I [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Bulls description and
went to James [illegible]
lunch [illegible] [illegible]
talked re Pierre. Bot-
day. Tea re: C. and then
She went to Monteux &
after she bought another
dress. I w. Bulls enclosing
my description of "Coming
to Vaccum" and to [illegible]
enclosing £15. C. spoke to
Jean about [illegible] [illegible] re-
quest g [illegible] work. C. to
[illegible] to her doctor [illegible]
friend. A great deal of
discussion about Christina's
report. Getting dark [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
studied French [illegible]

Tuesday July 29th 1947

Another hot day. C feels sick from heat & I think her [illegible] & Jean's [illegible] trouble. Christina Creak. Letter from James objecting to having John make a decision. Struggled with letter in reply working at it all the morning. Christina made a very nice dish of spaghetti with tomato & salt pickles. Owing to heat Jean is not being very nice about her and Doris not want to let her cook. I felt discouraged and dispirited when Pierre arrived but we talked and read and walked as usual. C. has felt poorly all day. I worked on letter to James after tea and again after dinner. My lumbago is better.

Wednesday July 30th 1947

I slept partly open on account of heat & disturbed by light in early morning [illegible] & got on fairly well. Kept German [illegible] little [illegible] successfully out of my mind. Started after breakfast to rewrite with lighter beginning of speech. C. appeared. She went to Vevey for shampoo and [illegible] Café [illegible] & finished [illegible] lunch. [illegible] [illegible] sausage & [illegible] [illegible] eggs for luncheon. [illegible] in good spirits. Read [illegible] Mrs [illegible] Cardinal [illegible] [illegible] and talked. I [illegible] point. [illegible] & John [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] walked about. [illegible] Sally [illegible] alone & read Times & [illegible] [illegible] the part of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] studied French grammar. Tea alone. C. went to [illegible] for fitting and to Vevey for [illegible]. Dr. [illegible] no good. Tea [illegible] [illegible] usual [illegible] dinner. Bed 10.30.

Thursday July 31st 1947
Breakfast first day. C. dis-
couraged about Tea & the
cooking, got ready for Count
letter! G.F. calls, W. Dick
Seymour. Sent agreement for
lottery back to Julia de Wood
signed. Tried on shirts w. Christina
[illegible], about lengthening sleeves &
[illegible] [illegible] one which seemed all
right. W.J. MacC. about
lettering for Bruce's jacket.
After dinner spoke to Tessie
about mulberries & he got a
ladder & picked some. I pointed
out that the tree was being killed by
ivy & he said he would take it off.
Pierre came & I discussed Character
of Uncle Cardinal. We read &
talked & took a little walk
C. had gone to Montreux to meet
Stephanie who seems [illegible]
[illegible] by the Guillaume de Marsilli
She took Christina. I had tea alone
& then she came back & we went
to [illegible] & Blanche. Dinner
not so bad. But C. [illegible]

drawn after win with Jess Tam

Friday 1st August.
After breakfast told Jean
that Madame was not well
and was troubled because of
the misunderstanding about
the cooking so I wanted to
do ordering which I proceeded
to do. I asked for vol-au-vent
tonight & at first he said he did
not know how & then that
he would try. Wrote Aunt
enclosing Cashier's [illegible]
receipt & Cheque for Catherine's
last legacy to Westminster bank.
Jean came back [illegible] the getting
dinner at Montparnasse and finally
[illegible] empty. I cooked eggs
& blueberries. Clement
sermon for Jean. Went to Landrial
& talked. Tea with C. and then re-
read M. Cardinal. Pierre came to
dinner and after we went to
see the fireworks at the Place
and then danced up to Mont
Pelleas to see the illuminations

Saturday 2nd August
Called late & breakfast
9.30. Came across to Jean
& told C. that I was chiefly
trying to keep quiet. She
seems to want to express
her resentment of Marguerite
& Jean. To Vichy & she had
her hair waved. I bought
map, p.c.s. stamps & money
clock mended. Saw Sydney
Shaw & his old husband but
C. would not speak to him.
Home for lunch rest. We had
tea. G. refuses to fix anything
procrastinate & c. Correcting
Map my accounts. For money
got at Vichy. Pierre seemed
with nose-bleed. Lent him a
handkerchief. Talked and read
another story by Halsey "Le Roi"
C. & I tea talking. Pierre's girl Walker
who wants to come as maid
She called this afternoon. W. did Nord
C. to doctor. W. Mr Stock chiefly
Nord. W. [illegible]. Quite good dinner
W. C. Humphreys

Sunday August 3rd 1947
up. 6.40. C. says Jean is
going out tonight & she wants
[illegible] make a dish for
dinner. C. has suddenly remembered an
old scandal told by Stephanie, that
Mrs. de Koven in N.Y. turned campers
out because of an affair with ..
Teuther .. to others. Ch had a hypo
break & heard many of scenes
from a little seat. Jo is undis-
mayed .. Cleans C. writes to
Claude W. about Jean & her
[illegible] her rat to. W. Tahn
about duties of a director.
C. ate good luncheon. W.
Evans & Robinson .. [illegible] £.5-10.0
for Betty Gregory. C. Read
aloud .. Le Vane
but C. was tired yesterday
Tea in garden. C. also
picked some Flowers, Gladioli
Zinnias & Roses. Then I
walked in Chailly by [illegible]
& back the other way. Dinner
in garden and sat flat
[illegible] over [illegible]
but we did not [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible]

Monday August ~~6th~~. Telegram from [illegible] after my breakfast as usual. Then [illegible] G. in garden. Letter fr. Margaret. W. Nat Prov. Bank. [illegible] Peter Courtenay [illegible] C. Charley Butler. After lunch W. Mrs. Mackrell. Pierre and I told him the story of the Curé that G. has just been reading and he told me about confirmation in the Lutheran Church. At 4.[illegible] I had to start my [illegible] & got [illegible] to Hansons where she had on her blue silk dress. We had tea [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by mistake and I got [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] on coming [illegible] Peter [illegible] photographs [illegible] Stalgs and his [illegible] [illegible]

Tuesday Aug 5 in 7 qu 7
Sudden violent storm of
wind rain & thunder at 6 oc
which cooled the air. Day
spent in sun & rain. Jean
brought his accounts. We
Leslie neatly given him Peters
address. Started to graft to
Marguerite & continued till
luncheon. E. quite pleased
with lunch. Especially the
compote de tomates. After
that I waited for Casie who said
he ought come a deux heures
but he did not come till 2½
By that time it was raining a
bit but we sat on bench in
garden & the rain stopped.
Finished by Chevat de Trompette
then walked to Chailly by short
route & up the stairs. E
had come to Montereux & came
back just as we did. Pierre
left & we had tea & then talked
about having the Pastorino
Aunt a good dinner but in
dining room. Too dark outside

Wednesday August 6th 1947

Lovely cool bright day. Ordered meals for Jean and Arranged lies. Came back to study. Spent morning working on Andre's book and went on after lunch. Pierre called up to say that he wanted to work on his garden and would not come this afternoon. C. & I & Christina to Montreux & I had my hair cut and we all had tea with Stephanie who joined us there. We brought her home & she called with her for Mrs Sheets. I walked home. C. took Stephanie back to Montreux. I read Times. Dinner in garden - quite nice except that Jean stewed the pears into a mush instead of leaving them in halves. Did accounts

Thursday August 7th
Cool bright day. We
were all set to go to
Fribourg where I had a
letter from Aunt Margaret [illegible]
conditions have to take
the chance. Marguerite's [illegible]
for [illegible] [illegible] completely
[illegible] Stephanie [illegible] her up
at Montreux & went to Geneva
Lunch [illegible]. Then 5 pm.
[illegible] where we found [illegible]
found Mr Shaw [illegible] fr. Paris. E. got
$100. changed & [illegible] for our
return tickets to London Sept
17th [illegible] by Stephens. To
bookshop & got dictionary &
[illegible] [illegible] getting [illegible] [illegible]
Then G & I to the cathedral & [illegible]
Tea at [illegible] "del [illegible]" [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] to Mrs. Wells. [illegible]
[illegible] Italian consulate closed but
found 6 photographs [illegible]. To
a great [illegible] 7 [illegible] building
then [illegible] [illegible] to see Cigarette [illegible]
[illegible] by [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] like Liz Smith. Home the
[illegible] made by Cristina at 9.15

Friday Aug. 7th 1947.
Another cool cloudy day.
Answered mails to Mr. Teddy.
Tel. Dr. Mildred Lehaut
[illegible]. Tel. Dr. & Tommie
Pennington. W. J. MacC. re
Custer. W. Cook & Hammond;
John D. Wood, Needham [illegible]
E. Maude Snyder. Church
yet there's but that said man
ever more to anything or dis-
right. Pierre brought his
friend André Devrigs
to take his place while he is in
going. Later met the air
Pierre & talked for 2 hours
& then I walked back with him
while he finished his buffet
and he showed me his [illegible]
at La Tour. Walked home as
C. arrived from Vichy soon
after with Tommie Pennington.
[illegible] old [illegible] Bee
anti-Roosevelt and anti-Semitic
but otherwise kind. Talked of
his family at the [illegible]
then I walked back to [illegible]

SATURDAY August 9th

Another pleasant cool day with mist on mountains. Told Jean that all would be out to lunch & then Stephanie called up & persuaded [illegible] to have Mildred to lunch there but it proved impossible as Jean would have had to drive to Montreux to get Mildred & she could not have made [illegible] and he will not let [illegible] I.W. James about [illegible] back rest. Brass appeared as James calls brilliant. Times reports death of Bet Asquith. James sent firm [illegible] of Malaya V by Desmond & sending Times. C. & I go to Montreux & lunch there. Mildred & Camilla at Montreux Palace. Stephanie came down & sat with us, enthusiastic [illegible] Balkanian society she had attended at Caux. I came back and [illegible] reading [illegible] Angel. C. took them [illegible] Chateau Villard which [illegible] might [illegible]. All came back for tea [illegible] Camilla is writing her experiences. [illegible] Fr. [illegible] & Russians [illegible] in their village: walk to Chailly [illegible] good [illegible]: C. [illegible]

[illegible] Amberley [illegible]

Sunday August 10th. 1947
Woke 4 & worried over all
the things I have to do. Slept
5-6 and then up at 7.
To Church at La Tour and
heard better but not well. Jean
was cycling on to her Church
and picked me up on way home
Dull misty day. Fine not
good for Pierre and his planes
W. John Huntington & Mrs
Randall re Morocco. Paid
Haggart bill. Read Nickleby
[illegible] all the afternoon
from lunch. [illegible] tea.
After tea E & I walked
about Grand Sully and
then I came up and wrote
letter to John Huntington
After dinner I [illegible] and
then read more stories
in the Cardinal book which
does not really seem very
suitable for Uncle Claud.
E & I [illegible] agree that we do

Monday August 11th 1947
Sun and less mist – so Pierre may be able to fly his planing. Ordered medals fr. Jean. C. had a talk with M. Grand & Naztuvalls about Villard for which he wants Fr. 15000 un-furnished. Says the property is valued at Fr. 3000 000. Left a question for Mildred. Talk Christina about her business affairs & W. draft letter to Edward Teres for her. After lunch and Stacy with Aafer which went very well. Then set off to Mentone met Stephanie for tea and then went on to Cossen de Chellan. Hugh and me passing with Samantha lively but a slow party was restored. Home in time for Jean to cook a really nice dinner

Tuesday August 12th 1947
Coal night. Must - on the
mantelpiece. Tea. Got one
monthly bills. W. G. S. Elgin
Figures. Copies and draft
letter to Cedars Trust Co.
Dressed & to lunch Mrs Shaston
Mons d'Hauteville, Mr Thomas,
Mr Demandre, Mrs Wilson of
Flaemer & another woman.
They talked to C. about Jean
whom they do not like.
Back late for my lesson
[illegible]. André [illegible] did not
go away until and [illegible]
the [illegible] almost [illegible].
C. had come to [illegible] [illegible]
as [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]
walk and she came back
after I had had tea.
[illegible] letter to [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] - Mayor Baillie's [illegible] but
he has to make [illegible] [illegible] Bailey.
[illegible] dinner. Copied letter to [illegible]
[illegible] Custrisa. [illegible] Autumn list

AVENCHE

Wednesday August 13th
up and opened shutters before
Jeni came with my hot
water. Spoke to Jean about
duplication of meat bill on weekly
[illegible] & he admitted mistake
G. & I left for Fribourg 10.30
Met Mrs Macmillan & Dominie at
Hotel Suisse. Mrs M. in wild ex-
citement took us to Cathedral for
concert, found there wasn't any &
dragged us away to Porte de Morat
old walls. Lunch at hotel. Yeti
Bertholet appeared looks a Nazi
maiden. Then Marguerite handsome
dressed up. Jung psychology etc.
She seems to know something about.
G. got into violent temper I vi.
About M. [illegible] Mrs alone. G. [illegible]
Dominie & I walked in old town.
G & I left, tea in old wall town
Morat. Looked at little old church
Roman remains at Avenche. Then
Payerne [illegible]. Wonderful old
crusaders church. All these
places on high plateau. Home 5.0
Jean took Country from Customs!

Thursday Aug 14th
Misty and warm after hot
night. B. & I to Bank in
Vevey & got money to
pay board & months expenses
Got stamps & gift & thimbles
said Gladys Farlow was all
right. Mr. Courtenay before
gone out. Dr. Dunn & family
Hunts. Mrs Kimble.
Mr & Mrs Cecil Shaw (Sylvia?)
Mr Spender, Belgian
Baroness & Count. Shaw
had awful time in war &
was a prisoner in Germany
4 years & she spent months
in Paris. Wonderful food & c.
Home & read & talked
& c. Annie felt nearly well
to sleep. Then to lie down
Any Drago at Velmont said
a fat old merchant. G. had a
talk with Mrs Jesse Carter &
& then we called on Stephanie
Johnsons at cream made deep

Friday, August 15th
Cool misty morning turning very warm. W. T. S. Mac C.] P.C. to Mr Hoak. W. dayt letter to Pierre thanking him for his post card.] After lunch C. helped me to correct it. Came to rest and Andre came at 2.30 and we talked and read and he tried to teach me nasal vowel pronunciation. He started to read me story Antoinette. Rain came long unexpectedly our tasty eating in the house where he continued reading and we had tea together. C. had gone to Montreux and brought Stephanie back. Talked at dinner and wanted to write Alex advising him to come here for a dramatic Steaming course. After dinner studied Fr. grammar

Saturday August 16th

Another fine day. Ordered for Sunday. Letter to Barrett asking him to send checks for upkeep of Hadley Sunday. I sent him $100. To pay the whole of it rather than later. To Mary Knight & had our pictures taken for passport. Home for lunch. André came at 2.30 and we had our usual reading and talk. I paid him 4.30. C. went and we had tea in garden after which I took a short walk. We tried to get turned. We had ? & baked potato for lunch. ? wall and ? we had fish & fried potato for dinner which was too much the same thing! C. has asked to Prestons ? to come to London with us. After dinner worked on French grammar

Sunday August 17th
up 7.15 Walked to
Church at La Tour and
back my hat. Worked
on McAlister. &
writing to Lavingo about
Contents of Profession.
After lunch paid Jean balance
of his bill & telephone for July
walk later on and Mrs.
at 3.45 in the car. Cristo
to Payerne and to Stavayer
repair via Lyss the Canal
old town in Lac of Neuchatel
home at 8.30. Had delightful
excursion. Air much
better at or Plateau.
Seemed that dry exhausted
down here. Cold supper.
Read & Studied French
and bed early

Marchon and Warchal

Monday - 18th. 1947
Tel. Andrei not going to
Bern. To Montreux at 10 o'c
& looked at photograph
then to Vevey & got money
& tract. myrrh. Home & pounds
@. 4 p.m. [illegible] [illegible]
Jeanne Pierre Jr [illegible] this
he & his mother are coming
to Vevey. Made a scene with
me about his pack because
I interrupted him to give him
the money & asked him
out for walk [illegible]. These are
C. in good temper for lunch.
Andrei came at 1.20 o'c for
his last lesson and at
4 o'c we went to Lausanne
& G. saw Simone and got his
Swiss clothing. I got shoes &
socks for Peter. Home by [illegible]
C. & [illegible]. Dinner and then
[illegible] Peter. Certainly saying she
has it to go to London.

Tuesday 19th 1947
Another [illegible] day with
[illegible] on [illegible].
C. to Montreux [illegible] English
Hill Concert etc. I wrote to
James [illegible] back R. [illegible]
[illegible] report on Dodd Namans
[illegible]. W. p. C. to Bell
and this [illegible] of my [illegible]
C. had satisfactory talk with
[illegible] will conduct at
Montreux about 3 [illegible].
Dinner potato [illegible] well
made by [illegible]. Pierre
came at 2.30 back from
his vacance and we talked
till 4.30 when we had tea.
After he left I walked to
Chateau of Blonay & [illegible]
me. C had been to Vevey
to [illegible] his hair washed
[illegible] by [illegible]
[illegible] her [illegible]. But no
good [illegible]. Started [illegible]
[illegible]. Bed early

Wednesday August 20th 1947

Slightly amused at first gesture. Chaos and then desperate to luncheon party with [illegible]. Spent morning [illegible] Draft letter to Vanderbeck about [illegible] gift-tax & Emo trust. Dressed for luncheon and C.F. waited; at 1:15 Stephanie & Al. [illegible] Madame & that [illegible] had not arrived, but they all got here about 1:20 & luncheon was not spoiled – very simple but good with [illegible] strawberries & cream. Stephanie, Mildred, [illegible]. [illegible] at 2:30 and we had our lesson under tree and others sat in front of house. [illegible] stayed to tea and [illegible] all talked French. When they had gone I walked round [illegible] [illegible] strange here when I got back. After dinner read Times.

Thursday August 27th
Sun at first but overcast
by 9 o'C. Discussed gifts
a la Washington with Fran.
W. Peth W. P. C's to Ray.
Mrs C. Dandon Walk a
lone in lunch late & com
completely un-asked
Sun – and out. C.
talked about Mme. Salario
but she is too sensitive
to be able to discuss her work.
Paine called at 2.30 and
we had our lesson as
usual and read part of
another Italian story.
He left just before tea
when C. & I had together
and then she went to
Montarine & brought
back the pearl string
to finish the pearls. I
wrote letter to Landucci
Stanton about Emo. I met
after dinner and Dinno great

Trouble in England

Friday August 22nd 1947
Weather Cool and rainy.
C. was sick in the night.
Breakfast in doors.
C. h. Veuey [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
W. J. Ma[illegible] Co. + J. D. Wood +
Charles about Simon [illegible]
demand for stronger [illegible]
[illegible]. Read Hy. Smith.
Weather cleared [illegible] afternoon
hot + sunny. Very good
Gnocchi for luncheon.
[illegible] lesson with [illegible] [illegible]
guests began to arrive [illegible]
was [illegible] for rain to stop.
First [illegible] + [illegible]
[illegible] brothers Guillaume +
Jean Louis. Letter [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] when [illegible] [illegible]
arrived and S. went to fetch
her [illegible]. They came back
together in ½ hour and [illegible]
[illegible] had arrived. After [illegible]
left I went for walk [illegible] Charles.
Very good [illegible] of [illegible]

Saturday August 23rd
C. sick all night. Called me early in morning nausea and awful pain in intestines from something had taken to make sure sleep for several nights. After breakfast got Jean to telephone for Dr. Hoggy — & telephoned to Demandts that she cannot come to her children. W. James & p.c. Mrs Hauk. Dr. Omns. Thinks C. has acute attack of colitis due to chill. To lunch Jean Louis Armandi's new fine villa hung with Sargent pictures the baptême Guillaume & a Washburn girl niece of Percy Dykbrock. Jean took us all down to Vence & brought me home. Pierre waiting. C. with Pierre & I talked and tried to do a little grammar & he showed me his photographs of the camp in Holland & ... tea. Called Mrs Mar de eai & Tommie Dinner alone, Stephanie called up

B enquiries about

Sunday August 24th
up at 7 o'c. Had shutters & one window open & slept in my black mask. His muscles [illegible] C. feeling light had coffee & grapefruit for breakfast. Taken again to [illegible] Tour [illegible] Church. Late & had poor place & really could not understand more than occasional sentence. Dreadful young man shared hymnal. Taken back to Bureau. Met Dr. [illegible] who was [illegible] g. & [illegible] with him past [illegible] ball & talked about C. He seems good. Tel. Miller & put off Bern till Tuesday. Had light lunch in the Delmonico's Garden. Tel Jimmie Pennington and met him at Hotel Carlton and we went to see swimming & diving competition at [illegible] of [illegible] Town: the [illegible] [illegible] of Mrs Emery. Home [illegible] St Stephanie. Dinner alone

Monday August 25th

Carl early morning with
mist [illegible] had
[illegible]. Pierre telephoned
and arranged to come this
P.M. as C. was nervous
[illegible] to Bern. Arranged for
[illegible] to attend to passport
[illegible] for Italy.
R: [illegible] to Stephanie.
R: [illegible] letter to [illegible]
and to Coleman. C. came
down to lunch. Lesson
w. Pierre 2.15 – 4.15
Took C. who had not been
able to sleep. Stephanie
[illegible] on [illegible] bicycle to
tea and [illegible] to visit w.
Countess Szechenyi to Budapest
in Claus. I went for
walk towards Villard
[illegible] for dinner. Copied
letter to Coats [illegible]
Trust Company. C.
telephoned to Stephanie
and decided to go to
Bern tomorrow.

Tuesday August 26th 1947
Tel. for Pierre & told him we were going to Berne today & probably Lucerne tomorrow. Started off at 10.15 and fetched Stephanie at Montreux and stopped at Tourism & found they had reserved any room, at Vitznau. On to Vevey where we stopped and said Good bye to Mrs Marmeas at Saint Comte up to plateau by Mt Pelerin. I sat in front & E. talked most of the way to Claudy at back. Jean pointed out Fribourg cattle black & white, the colours of the canton. Went through Fribourg & looked down on old town. Passed Cathedral & walls & towers. Lunch Bellevue & Palace Berne. Missed Camilla, Francesca. To Berne Museum and saw flags, tapestry, cannons etc. taken by Swiss from Charles le Temeraire at battle of Morat 1476. Tried to get collars but no good men's shop. Tea with Mildred's party. To get tickets in [illegible]. Home through Morat & Payerne. Left S. at Montreux

[illegible]

Wednesday August 27th, 1947
Packed and got off about 10.30
Stopped at Luzern for money &
left map for Chris that she had
gone to Lucerne as he had not
telephoned. Perfect day and
wonderful drive through most
beautiful country and over
past Brunig and on to Thun
where we had simple luncheon
on terrace & saw canal drawn
from lakes with rapids or covered
bridge. Most picturesque high
& towered castle. Market day.
Jean met Fanni's mother and
as we drove away his own niece
He pointed out Stanley house
of Mme Bonstetten. Over another
pass to Luzern. Tea and saw
Thorwaldsen's Lion monument.
Great & most moving work of
art. On round lake to Vitznau
Park Hotel Bonstetten. Most
comfortable & de luxe. Most
lovely view of lake & mountains
after dinner on balcony.

Thursday August 28th 1947
Vitznau. Up 8.30. Breakfast on balcony. Set out at 10.40 after talk with Mr Bon's son in auto. Mr Candrian (a Romansch) Stopped at Queen Astrid's memorial chapel killed August 29th 19 lovely day. On to Lucerne. No Italian Consulate or American Tried to find a luminous clock for C. but none that she liked at best shop Gubelin. Bought little white dress embroidered in blue for Katie, and back to Vitznau for luncheon. W. sleeping on balcony. W. Helen C.B. W. p.c. Mr Bon, Catharine. Tea driving in hall and out in car round lake in and out to Brunnen and Axenstrasse through tunnel made air. Terraces of hui on to Tell Chapel & wild mountains, seen across lake home in lovely sunset. Dinner & finished letter to Helen & a p.c. to Pierre. Bed 12.15
Chalice of ... (added in blue)

Friday Aug. 29th 1947
Breakfast on balcony and packed goodbye to McCandlish. Drove to Kussnacht & saw Tells Chemin Creux where he killed Gessler. Lovely old church in Kussnacht and Sealsun. On to Lucerne and stopped to see lion again. Very fine. Lunch at place unclear in omelette, trout and Emmenthal cheese - valley of Emme at Langnau. On to Berne and walked at old fountains. Stopped at British legation & got forms for Christina. Looked at bears again, old towers and Cathedral and had tea at Schweizerhof. C & I desperately tired & my voice gone hollow. We slept ups & to bed in car. Home through Fribourg. Arrived 7.30. C.G. 20 tired she had only a pear for dinner. I had fried potatoes, fried tomatoes and baked apple. After dinner did accounts

Saturday August 30th 1947

Pleasant sunny morning ordered meals after waking. Tel. fr Baxter - flat available Berkeley Sq. before [illegible] - £1250. Tel fr. office: Evelyn say [illegible] Domestic College. Tel. Julian @ B. Tel Ann [illegible] about return. Started to copy letter to Calman and after luncheon I had my lesson with Pierre and sent telegrams to Baxter, Alix and Evelyn. Stephanie came with Frau Spiegel to see Gladys but she had gone. Finished letter to Calman. G. came back & found Stephanie waiting in yellow salon. We had tea together in garden and then I went for walk through Chexbres [illegible] came to [illegible] that I felt it because I was not happy. Dressed for dinner first time in Switzerland. Read

[illegible]

Sunday, Aug 31 47

Up 7.30. By tram to Church in good time. Understood more. Home 11.15. P.C. to James, Francis Miller, David Scott Thomas, Chuang B. Started letter to [redacted]. After lunch Pierre came and we had a nice pleasant afternoon talking French. He told me about Marat & Grandsen. C. of tea and then walked round Grand Smelly as we seem to do every Sunday. After that walked up through Chailly in my C.I. clothes which I found a bit chilly. Dressed for dinner and wore one of Stanley's weak shirts. Nice dinner in. Chocolate cream after and gave Christine a plate of it. Read New Yorker with enigmatic stories. Finished

letter to Maistre

Monday September 1st 47

C. to Montreux to get visa for Christina to come to England (though she is not coming at [illegible] for the present.) I went to [illegible] [illegible] Blonay & looked at the old Church. Home [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] but felt rather tired and had no appetite. Pierre came at 2.15 and [illegible] [illegible] and I asked him if he had [illegible] his [illegible] [illegible] and he said he hadn't [illegible] it at all [illegible] started to [illegible] "[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]". I was tired and the lesson did not go very well. C. at Vevey [illegible] Stephani [illegible] [illegible] etc. Tea [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. C. had letters from [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] coming to [illegible] in October [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. After dinner [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] "[illegible]" [illegible] [illegible] P. had [illegible]

Tuesday September 2nd 1947
Cool, Cloudy day. Drove
to Lausanne [illegible] and
spent morning at Italian
Consul getting Visa. Each
had to fill out 6
long forms and when
we had finished Consulate
closed at 12 o'C. To Francine's
about C's dress. told
Francine that she ought to
[illegible]. Looks no need. Lunch
Blanc [illegible] [illegible]. Food best
we have had in Swiss.
To [illegible] fine exhibition of
Venetian pictures [illegible],
Guardi, Tiepolo etc.
Got photographs & [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] where Jules
was waiting. [illegible] & [illegible]
sitting in garden & Camiggi
when it began to get cold
Read [illegible] [illegible] it [illegible] cool
and again alone by myself
after dinner read Times [illegible] [illegible]

Wednesday September 3rd.
Train to Lausanne & got our visas & catalogues I had left. W. Embers & Fitzgerald & v. shirt. accounts After lunch Pierre came at 2.15 and I talked to him not always successfully about years and then read Max Ouelle till 4.30 when I sent him home. He has to study & take examinations before his university course begins. Tea alone as C. had gone to Vevey to have his hair permanently waved by Sylvia's walk & chilly hy road to back by steps and path. C.'s toilet set has come back and [illegible] like copper. What he does anew. After dinner read Pierre's Swiss history books. I went to bed at 11.30 but C. sat up reading till 1 o'C. Swiss history.

Thursday Sept 4th, '47
Wake early with anxious thoughts. Talk C. after breakfast about Marguerite W. Letter & p.c. to M. H. W. business letter to John H. After lunch Piers came at 2.15 and we talked and read. Man calls till 4.15. C. went to Manteaux and left her dressing table set to be made in yellow gold instead of red. I chat to Mom and then read aloud what Piers had read to me and then walk up about Chailly and back. Dressed for dinner. After dinner read Swiss History

Friday Sept 5 – 1947
up 7.15 and had both
[illegible] shower & hair
bath. [illegible] nope next
[illegible] Wednesday at 9. [illegible]
[illegible] & [illegible] shop & any
nothing [illegible] done. [illegible]
that help was not left them.
Mr. [illegible] Vesey & [illegible]
at bank. W. [illegible] Dray.
Mildred, Carmella, Fern edge
& Stephanie to lunch. [illegible]
Gnubecki ham salad.
Raspberry ice cream &
lady fingers all delicious
and much appreciated.
Pierre came before we finished
and we were in dessert [illegible]
interrupted by Stephanie
going to [illegible]
[illegible]
C. [illegible] at Byron [illegible]
[illegible] alone & [illegible]
to Charley after [illegible]
around for 2 hours.

Saturday Sept 6th 1947
Woke 5 a.c. and lay awake
thinking about C's trip after
Herzog's accident opinion
that pass should have been sup.
up 7.15. Taxi Tilla gone near
at leaving house but he ok
all right as M. did. Suggested
that Christina might call for
hearts but he refused. Sent
wafer to Mrs. [illegible] Scott, [illegible],
Humphrey. To Verity & find C's
passport stamped at bank
[illegible] among [illegible] yesterday
C. got [illegible]. Tel. Gr. [illegible]
letter fr. Evelyn. W. accept
A.N. coffee [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] & talk with
Pitter. Tea [illegible] and
[illegible] part. C. had read
to me. C. had her ms Stephanie
Montreuil. W. Pitter, Mr Bell
about C's music. M. [illegible]
about his [illegible] - Marguerite check
mistake. W. [illegible] of Nat. Prov.
Bank. Japan. Dramatic calligs
[illegible] A [illegible]

Sunday September 7th '47

Packed and got off in car at 11 o'c. along lake & through Rhone Valley. Stopped at St Maurice where Cathedral shattered by fall of rocks. Waterfall & Pissevache. Pelleregue old towns & castle [illegible] in 1760 [illegible] hotel at Sierre. On to Brigue where Simplon Tunnel starts. Cathedral with silver Russian domes. Over Simplon pass with hut & [illegible] at highest point. Air cold & [illegible] and sometimes [illegible] with pine. Moor-like stretches with reddening low bushes & bright blueberries. Down into Italy after Swiss & Italian douanes at frontier. Tea at Domodossola & on to Stresa in storm of rain – hotel Lago Maggiore muddy & grey Pazand Palace Hotel. [illegible]

[illegible]

Notes on Italian Trip

Eagle on stone marks highest point in Simplon pass. Debonnaire Italian in jaunty uniform circulating between Swiss and Italian custom houses. Regina Palace Hotel at Stresa had range and crimson alternating displays in flowers on lawn. Villa d'Este an authentic palace. Occupied by Caroline wife of George IV and maintained and modernized in very good taste. We had dinner on terrace. Wonderfully symmetrical range of mountains across lake. Air of dissipation and luxury among guests. China marked with coat of arms of d'Este family. Wheat higher in Italy than in Switzerland but air misty and sky rather grey than blue. Olea fragrans

on the terrace at Villa d'Este
and once or twice we smelt
them dinners. I suffered a
good deal from giddiness on
Simplon pass and C. did not
make it better by talking to
John on most giddy curves
and asking me lightly if I was
was in an awful state.
Talked to boatman at Baveno
who had been a sailor in an
American merchant ship and
a stone mason at Barre Vt
and an American citizen but
had lost his citizenship by being
away 5 years. In this anxiety
to get home I think I saw
Across Domodossola fast.
Across Simplon Pass. Took
corners at high speed.
On Thursday morning
Jean complained a bit
"wake on the [illegible]" whither
he says he always set return

[illegible]

Monday Sept 8th 1947

Left Regina Palace Hotel Stresa at 10 AM & drove to left a little way for views of lovely Borromeo Islands in the lake. Rather cold morning. Turned fine but always a little mist. Then to Milan but auto strada broke down and we got lost in maze of Lombardy plain after passing Toro's valley. Where market was proceeding & disturbed by fruits packed high in baskets. Finally ask road back in a poor town. Found where we were diverted to high road which reached after being over a cart track. Finally got on auto strada. Arrived Milan 12.30 ugly suburbs. Some damage. Went direct to Cathedral which I admired though not great Trinity. Lunch Piccolo Bar near Continental Hotel. Small market and to Am Ex. about the day [illegible]. Next I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ... man that was where we left the car [illegible] & found him [illegible] [illegible] back. Then he turned up ... [illegible] ... [illegible] ... 1947 ...

Left margin: [illegible]

Right margin: [illegible] ... Borromeo ... Villa d'Este ... Como ...

Tuesday Sept. 9th 1947.
up 7.10. C & I off to [illegible]
10 o'c. To Am. Ex. and finally
settled on the cigarettes to be
paid by Am. Ex. in Florence.
To Black Market Bank &
changed L. Sauge 200 for 34000 lire
Back to Am Ex. C. signed letters etc.
Lunch Piccolo Bar. Waiter says
Tarra Nobles & foreigners crowd
place every night - spend money
like mad. Says place was expensive
but it is cheaper than Switzerland, France
England or U.S.A. C & I walked to shop
for silk [illegible] but closed. Waited &
then C sat in Hotel Continental while I got
car. To Ranchi for shoes for C. but
none to fit. Bought silk in [illegible]
Then [illegible] young [illegible]
Prince [illegible] tried to get [illegible]
without Coupons but failed. Drove
to Como where C. calls on Achille
Missed us waiting at corner & stayed w/
Achille ½ hour. She [illegible] at long
hours that might have been spent at
Cadenabbia. Arrived there 6 o'c. left
them & for Cristina [illegible] shop woman who
remembered C 3 months. Tea on terrace

[illegible]

Wednesday Sept 10th 1947.
Villa d'Este up 8 o'c. Packed
breakfast in room, about
porch coolness. C. & I sat
and walked on terrace. C. out
before a p.c. Left at 10.30
Stopped at Como. Saw Cathedral
with its decorated tapestries and
19th century glass. Beautiful
stone carving on exterior, left
cigarette at dev. for S[illegible]
[illegible] Como [illegible] & 5
[illegible] [illegible] in which makes
[illegible]. Lost our way trying to
get to Stresa and wasted an
hour. Crossed ripe a [illegible]
bridge. Good but expensive lunch
Swiss hotel at [illegible]. I[illegible]
drove fast and we crossed Simplon
in good time and had tea at
[illegible]. Telephoned to home. [illegible]
Arrived home in [illegible] about 9
C. lay down & slept as soon as

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]

Cost [illegible] Times. [illegible] alone.

Thursday Sept 11th 1947
Hot day. Fear any heat. Came up from Italy. Recd letters last night from Alix and Evelyn & tickets for German Arm. Ex. which do not seem complete. Talk about situation. Pierre has not telephoned so I went to Vevey & saw Pierre's mother & nothing extra-ordinary. Pierre had just gone out to telephone to me. I thought Pierre was in day and Pierre had already told one that he had engaged his [illegible]. Spoke to [illegible] Schweizer sister Mrs Sheldon of Buckland Square London. Hope E. and [illegible] had telephoned & wanted to come 215 for mother said he wanted to go [illegible] with his brother Sheldon so I said come at 5. After lunch studied [illegible] & [illegible] up for Ex. Cannes. Got place for Saturday. Started letter to Alix

[illegible]

Friday Sept 12th 1947
up 7.15 W. Miss Cook
letters. Head dates of General
C. & Mantoux & Vinay.
Read Mon Oncle et mon Curé
wi. Pierre. C. returned. After
lunch did accounts. Tel.
Am. Ex. Geneva about
cheques which were wrong
accounts. C. or to
Lausanne. C. wears his
brown coat to dress with
Francis and to Vinay.
Tea & got Cassis. C. got
tennis shoes & I got Shoe
Stokes. Called Lina Brent-
wood and Eva Rausch's
Blonch in her recovery from
operation. Home read Time
C. sat by my balcony. After
dinner read Mon Oncle and
did accounts. Bed 10.30

Saturday Sept 13th 1947
up 7.20. Came Jean pedon
for meals today & tomorrow
C. to Mass then to Annaly letter
wr. "Knitting" I went to
Bank in Vidauy and corrected
mistakes wr. Borromeo
got prescription for C. to
St Martin & he gave tickets to Jean
& helps. Called M. Montanna
& he said he wants Jay a gift
me a tyrehouse, & St Marks's
Home lunch with Stephanie
Saved all I can for [illegible]
Pierre who came for an lesson
2-4. Talk M. & S. & then
walked beyond Fontanelle
lesson. Dressed for dance
while C. sat watching and
by my balcony. I felt
frank clear then bells
played in my study.
Packed most of my trunk.

Sunday. Another 14/9 fine day. Pastor preached on the draught and greater [illegible] referring to fine weather. Sang in the [illegible]. [illegible] writing letters. Did accounts. Read "Human Angels" [illegible] after luncheon and [illegible] [illegible] Pierre in reading aloud after [illegible]. Did a little [illegible] packing and then very tired rested in bed for a few minutes. Fair [illegible] Kristina drove to [illegible] and went up the Castle [illegible] Beautiful [illegible] Charles [illegible] [illegible] etc. Tea in [illegible] [illegible] letter [illegible] recommended by Jean. Drove back by [illegible] Castle to [illegible]. After dinner read Fr. [illegible] grammar. Bed early

Monday Sept 15. Weather still fair and warm. Bath before shaving, to leave bath free for C. who went to Vevey for 10 o'c dentist appointment. W. Helen C. B. W. Mr. Costello after lunch. Reading Mr. Peary. Thought he seemed a bit piano as if he had headache by [illegible]. C. went to another dentist's appointment and I met [illegible] in Vevey at hat shop and to Lausanne for last [illegible] of Mr. Francine Tea & [illegible] flowers etc. we met at Casino & I bought [illegible] to give to Mme Schneegg. [illegible] Schneegg [illegible] Peary [illegible] out [illegible] Skrefon. Dined at Café du [illegible] out of doors. Warm — bed early after reading papers

Tuesday Sept 16th
Another fine warm day
washed things. Simone
arrived to help Christina pack
and leave time to go at.
I went to ... and discussed
... Mr Bonommes
& arranged to have money
... him buy
lottery tickets from ... to
... Bought hair clippers
for neck & ears. Called Mr
Menthonnex who was out.
Thanked his wife for St Martin
pamphlet & gave her 20fr ...
... and told her about
... Harry and papers ...
to Mr Coates. G. to Montreux
to buy ... at knitting
shop. ... came and
... had a last lesson and
practice with ... at least
... Did accounts
we have spent a lot this summer
C. came ... & who ...
... ...
... ...

Wednesday Sept 17th

up 7 o'c. [illegible] th[illegible] morning. Cheques &c. Paper and old accounts. Went to Bank and left bills for them to pay and finished up all business. Home at 12 & went on with packing. G. had lunch with Mildred and Stephanie at Monterey & she lunched early. Finished packing at about 5 & went [illegible] shop. Brought [illegible] Mildred & Stephanie G. [illegible] Jersey [illegible] good bye. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Marguerite Gave Victor 20 fr. Freyne & Martha 10 fr. each. Dinner at the hotel. Train [illegible] crowded [illegible] carriage for [illegible] [illegible] locked & strapped [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] off [illegible] [illegible] 50 fr

[illegible]

[illegible]

Thursday Sept 18th 1947

Good night on train. Reached Paris about 8/9 o'C. Had to accept poor breakfast - tea without milk from [illegible] afterwards. Warm hazy day. Simmons had 2nd. class compartment to himself. Began to feel better after an entire summer with no appetite, but still a feeling nostalgia for Switzerland! Very hot most of the journey to Calais where we arrived before 1 o'C. On boat our tickets were questioned and after carrying luggage on board [illegible] wait in queue to get sandwiches for G. who retired at once to 'cabin', [illegible] I had to wait again to see ticket controller who eventually decided that the tickets were correct but a type that he had not seen before. Then waited again in a long queue to have my passports ch. Bill and Simmons and then had difficulty to get steward to take my luggage [illegible] No lunch & bar closed but got them to give me a sandwich & a bottle of beer. Ashore Folkestone in pouring rain; Am. Ex. had failed to reserve seats & we were so late getting off we missed first train, but Am. Ex. [illegible]

got no seats on next; Had no [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Tea in train [illegible] till 8 [illegible]

Friday Sept. 19th 1947
up 7 o'c. After breakfast C. talked
Gladys Wyckham & arranged to lunch
Helen S[illegible]. To office 10 o'c with
[illegible] papers & [illegible] to office.
Pleasant greeting to all. D[illegible] back
Bunn called up. Going to [illegible] dinner
27th. Spoke to [illegible] at [illegible]
will call next week. Lunch
Garrick [illegible] Drummond
[illegible]. To photograph shop
left film of Marks boat and
[illegible] photograph to be en-
larged. Back to office and call
for Alice who [illegible] in prov-
[illegible] while away she was [illegible]
by Evelyn [illegible] going to Domestic
[illegible] seems to like cooking and
[illegible] starting well. [illegible]
[illegible] Sears and [illegible]
[illegible] on the month. Back
to [illegible] taking parcels that
C. had ordered at [illegible] & [illegible]
from [illegible] N. C. had been to agents
and [illegible] is [illegible] about
a flat. She likes [illegible] and
treats him like a pet [illegible]. C. arrived
from flat [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] down [illegible] who [illegible] tea
after [illegible] had [illegible]. Started
[illegible]

Saturday 20th September 1947
up 8 o'c. Packed after breakfast.
C. spoke to Simons on telephone
like a [illegible] agent. She had a
long talk on telephone with Dorothy
[illegible] who gave very favourable
account of Barbara and Laura. [illegible]
We went out at 11.45. To
Hampstead where Mr Carter
was most [illegible] again about
flats. Got coffee [illegible]. To
Morris's i. Sponges for Katie.
Then to Kingston [illegible] where we
saw Mrs [illegible]'s flat [illegible]
£700. a year & £750. premium.
Then after long wait for taxi
met Moura for birthday luncheon
at Claridge's. She flies to Argentina
29th. [illegible] and finished
packing. Tea and to Amersham w.
Simons 5.18. Met by [illegible]
Sol at Amersham Station & by Mr
Hook and Mrs Ford at House.
Passed to Chesley garden with [illegible]
4 two months but to [illegible] to
[illegible] Mrs Hook got dinner. Simon

Sunday 21st September 1947

up 6.30 and made fire with Simon. Mrs Ford arrived and made breakfast. Spent morning unpacking and getting out my clothes and other things from store. Cannot find blue tweed knickerbocker suit, or wine marmalade hanky or Spanish glass vase. Mrs Hoick got dinner. Mr Plummer came to see me about plan to level grave and put footstone together so that grave can be mown with motor mower. After lunch slept for a time getting out things and Mr Hoick Parse for walk in Wild Brooks - lovely afternoon. Back for tea: scratch cold dinner for which Simon succeeded in obtaining some potatoes. Arnold Robertson called up to welcome us back. C. and I talked of Kensington flat which I think we had better take.

Monday September 22nd

Woke at 4 o'c. in my usual pain but slept again a bit before getting up at 6.15 Started just before Simons came down. Went out for first & saw Charles & paid him for his operations but said it must not occur again. Got week's Season Ticket. London by 9.10. To Pall Mall & had Harris from la dance but she was not in prison for felony to John D. Ward & there [illegible] 45 Kingston Ho. James Muir C. back to [illegible] in Cornwall sorted papers. To [illegible] but so crowded I went to [illegible] Tea. W. Sir Frank [illegible] about Simons. W. Peter. His cost not at office. left better at Phillips for Salt. Home 5.4 Slept in [illegible]. Good evening. Cat dinner with Simons. Baked potatoes, 2 egg & [illegible] again for [illegible]. Corned beef & [illegible] Simons [illegible] at [illegible]

Tuesday September 23rd 1947
Woke 6.45 Simmons made fire but water not hot. Lovely cold autumn morning. Paid Charley for his overtime. W&L said — no orders. Slept in train 9.10. To see Miss Ismay. Talked of paying premiums for [illegible] in America. She went to Maddams [illegible] Esters and knows Mildred. Also knows James Clinch Smith and Lady Szechenyi. To see Mr Bacon and called off Berkeley Square flat. Tele Jamieson. Has heard & transfer for Jamieson Jahns share. Purchase had August — learning. Said I would want to be paid by N.Y. direct. Tel. Watson. Not ready. Afternoon Watson say Frank Steek engaged. Back to office & then to see Tell about finances. Not very definite or helpful. He may be taking up his old W.&Jones with him. Bee Victoria in a queue and only 1 girl to serve. Got home. Slept in train. Lovely evening. Felt rested and better. C. has heard from Smith who will come Monday. Simmons got me a little dinner. Combed Peeks

Wednesday Sept 27th
up 6.30 & about 7 min but hardly any streets or buildings did - light cold & misty & I had a dangerous cold bath etc. Daddy & Annie Kramer at station morning to get tea. Straight to office for Victoria's Jack changing my fine Lucerne jacket - not well pleased letting it. Jean, James & Hamish all in. Wood puzzing in groom & fir, infectious pit. Call fr. Bund. Again question that Allied Statesmen should stick to parliamentary language in dealing w. Russia. Dictated French M.C. Tav. Call fr. Petro who found his coat at office. Gave him things I got for him in Switzerland. W. Ruth Dunkin about All Quilt Jacket. Not for sunny days of natural beauty. Asked him. Ordered 5 Ely honey fr. Pietro Phillips. Home 5.4. My throat has a little access of catarrh from cold bath this morning & and cold office. Slept in train. Good dinner. Made Daddie meat & prepared fires

Thursday Sept. 25th, 1947

up 6.30, fire already laid so I had only to light it. Newell had brought plenty of faggot sticks so neither Wm. [illegible] that [illegible] had finished shaving. Suggested to B. that Simon [illegible] Nannie's path, did not sleep in train but thought of office management and think of better [illegible] for [illegible] Nicholson - [illegible] [illegible] Castle & Chiltern Sermo [illegible], Bus to office straight from Victoria. [illegible] still [illegible] with the [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] through [illegible] for [illegible] and [illegible] Dictated to Miss C.; lunch Colombo Dr. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] not so good as [illegible] day [illegible] [illegible] further attempt at [illegible]. [illegible] called at 3 on his way from Peterboro to Bath. Tried to tell him that he must finish his book this year as his monthly payments must stop. He & I left office together. To [illegible] at 4 & on which [illegible] [illegible] about [illegible]. After dinner started to make list of extra expenses. Bed 12

Friday Sept 26 1947
woke early & tried to sleep till
8 o'c. Tel. Maren to say goodbye
& told her Tania B. was [illegible] in
America & that I had explained to
Pan Airways that her prison noted
on her form was in Russian
Revolution. Saw Charley about
coal of which he still faces
[illegible] supply. Says he can [illegible]
[illegible] flower garden. Brought down
[illegible] & my first fr. loft &
[illegible] fr. stable. Hunted
through papers for m.-g.-laws
letter about Cofferino furniture
that couldn't find. Nice little
lunch by Simon. C. suggested
that my blue knickerbockers
[illegible] might be in his trunk &
I found all my missing clothes
there. W. thought for mini wagon
[illegible] Passe [illegible] walk in with
[illegible] Stevens tea. Very tired
- went to bed 6-7. After dinner
made Passe's map. Cold windy
day [illegible] bright sun. Bed 2.3

Saturday Sept. 27th 1947

Woke early and slept again up 8.15. Charles came to see me about the small [illegible] holiday next week. Down to Square / and got money and paid Humphreys & Newell. Lovely September day. Cut out C's business papers from Stable to see about insurance. Tried to clean old car. [illegible] discussed walking with Simon and C. Thought I was unkind to Simon and collapsed into depression. We had discussed her going to Annecy and I had shown I did not want her to fly out alone and to return in November fog. After lunch I worked on Shelley accounts which I had left undone all summer. [illegible] When I came back C. had failed to sleep and was more depressed than ever. Says her body has died on her. After tea we walked in wood. Trees to be cut down. [illegible] before dinner.

Sunday Sept 28th 1947
up late and breakfast
w. C. 9.45. Saw Alex
Austin with a young man.
Talk Charley to and Mr Clark
quiet now and keep his car in
garage at barn & pay £1. per
month. Came him drinking
account for his wage this
summer. Church & harvest
festival w. C. Suffragan Bishop
by dean & high church protest.
Padre greeted us ecstatically as we
came home & then barked at
others. Sleepy about luncheon
w. brief nap & Mrs Lemay
C. worked & feel a little tired
depressed. Before lunch Graham
came & is going to sell maps place
for nearly [illegible] - a cottage [illegible]
[illegible]. Long walk w. C. over
and back to Batchelors out
back by Beecham Road [illegible]
for dinner after tea & [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] w. found [illegible]
that Bessie must be [illegible] [illegible]
for usual walk. Bed 11-15

Monday Sept 24th 1917
up 6.20 and made barley
tea and had good bath. C.
asleep when I left. Mild cloudy
morning. Slept in train
James busy after his insur-
ance. personal first. Get out
money to pay into Bank
Swiss Ambulance and English.
Heard James [illegible]. Taken
like a school boy & before
Miss Brown, and Mr. [illegible]
brought me 'Gallade's last
book without reports and I
rather rated him. To bank
and discussed surrender may-
be. [illegible] - left it with [illegible]
[illegible] Mrs Flow. To see
Miss Tomay & told her it
seemed impossible to pay
premium in America. No
buses seen & stop by [illegible].
Apple only for tea & [illegible]
2nd D. [illegible]. 5.4 [illegible]. Smith has
grown very [illegible] [illegible] of the
fashioned country [illegible]. Read
[illegible] & made [illegible]

Tuesday Sept 30th 1947
up 6.15 Dressed & got my
hat [illegible] & found Smith
had already attended to this
got out Peters pictures [illegible]
his house that he wants for
his own school [illegible]. 10 [illegible]
[illegible] exhibition [illegible] was
opening day. Very good tradition
[illegible]. 10 office & dealt with
a great [illegible] when I had telegram
fr. C. who'd arrive by 10.10 train
met him at U.S.A. Completed
and signed Hadley grant claim
to S.G.A. 70 Oct 1 Bank & saw
Childs about [illegible] letter of
credit. Lunch Mrs. Tarr. Signed
letters & sent Peter his pictures
[illegible] [illegible] fr. [illegible]
met C. at [illegible] [illegible]
wedding reception. [illegible]
C. [illegible] Ed. Anderson [illegible]
appearance. Talk Richard & [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] at [illegible]
[illegible] Nellie S. G. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
staff [illegible] [illegible]

Wednesday Oct 1. Smith got
my hat water 6.45. and off to
station in good time. Suggested
to C. that Eve would be left
or Smith's Simone does
household. Asked Smith to give
me my marmalade & honey &
keeping big jar. Lemon's a attention
up after flaming & wagon.
Accounts in train. Called Bank
and long talk with Childs
office talk various & Tony
lunch Mrs. Tav. Dictated Mrs C.
and home 5.4 feeling that I
had had good day. Talk C.
about Simone who evidently
has knack in cooking & pleasure
in but lazy conceited tired bad
tempered. Mrs Frank a treat
interfering and making aspect
of Simone. Smith always too
good to last. Overcast & on lower
day. Lovely cooked by Simone
gave Cable Dame to his
bones with the last for Harris
ment. Read, misc. Bed ..30

Thursday Oct 2nd 1941
Talk Eva about doing prototype
not hurrying Simone & Nest play
with Cleared letters room & hall.
Mrs Luetschman at dentist &
we exchanged about arguments
but being major attention to-day
with Budd. accounts & Ken
Signed letters. Met C. Westminster
Bank & looked at boxes &
papers. She went to Stores.
Tel Sikes re. Freda. Villis C talking
& meet Mildred. Lunch Wig
Tav. Talk James about light-
boat adv. Found I had left
C's brown coat at bank.
Taxi & station taking boxes.
Walk and Immediate pieces
& stopped at Bank for
coat. Arriving at Victoria
½ hour before train. Met C.
who had been to film w.
Mildred. Ambulance Simon out
first lift Cold dinner
Took 3 shirts to Emily for.
Alice. Made Cox's dinner

Friday Oct. 3rd 1947
Passed [illegible] up [illegible]
[illegible] 9 o'c & lay in bed. Wished
[illegible] Happy Birthday
[illegible] Oct. [illegible]
office 11.5. after [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] and
[illegible] letter to Home Office to
ask permit for [illegible]
[illegible]. Talk [illegible] about
[illegible] and his [illegible]
affairs. Talk [illegible] - [illegible]
[illegible] about board meeting
[illegible] [illegible] Lunch [illegible]
2 o'c. Call for [illegible] who says
her Children are looking after the
[illegible] business but he has
[illegible] [illegible] week [illegible]
[illegible]. Out & get [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] for [illegible]. Home 5.4
Stopped to see [illegible] Boswell & got
him to say he would wait a week from
tomorrow to [illegible]. After
dinner [illegible]. walked - [illegible].
Bed 11 o'c

Saturday October 4th '47
up 7.15. Sewed on button on
working blue drawers and
after breakfast darned blue
stocking. [illegible] oran [illegible] &
[illegible] off [illegible] electric fitting
part for the [illegible] Installed
the high [illegible] [illegible]. Drew
[illegible] for stamps [illegible]
& [illegible]. Paid Bacah for Pitts
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] money
at her house. he having been
on holiday all week [illegible]
to day away at [illegible]
getting glasses. Paid [illegible]
[illegible] wages back.
after lunch. Saw Charlie
about his accounts. Walk
w. [illegible] (after calling [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] for garden [illegible]
to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
and back by [illegible] [illegible].
Changed and tea. [illegible]
[illegible] contents [illegible]
from stables. Dressed for
dinner. Nap after and [illegible]
[illegible] & took him [illegible]
[illegible] about end of Mussolini'

Sunday October 5th 1947

Up late. C. to church. I spent morning writing a few business letters and paying a lot of bills. Lovely clear autumn day beginning with heavy mist. [illegible] the [illegible] arrangements. Could not find [illegible] belonging [illegible] a class of my papers from chest of drawers in [illegible] cottage passage. Found [illegible] that I promised to send Giles. Spoke to Smith about his going to see his family at Horsham and suggested that they might come to live in annexe. Paid Mrs Giles Allen for balustrade made by Giles in cottage kitchen. She said she had been to Surrey in spring of 1917. After lunch I finished my bills and posted cheques. C. to rest and I went Tasse to walk round wells [illegible] like yesterday. Took jeep at 3 and had a C. [illegible] walk in orchard and wood. Nap in chair. Read papers after dinner. Combing Tasse as usual while his dinner

[illegible]

Monday 6th October.
Paxsi waked me at 6 by barking when he heard starting people here. I put him out, & then breakfast & at which he lay on my feet. Lovely day. W. Alfred in on Kosin £500. & returning me. Did writing his year [illegible] terms. Office 11.10. Sidney says he is leaving and going to start a village shop & [illegible] [illegible] & more with [illegible] Daisy who want to wait [illegible] [illegible] came come home [illegible] lunch Mrs. Tar. To Watson & tried on my new dark grey suit. On my return to office John came in and asked if I was not satisfied with his work. I like his father he does not discuss. Dictated to Miss C. [illegible] G. worried about [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] they [illegible] get [illegible] staff or stay [illegible] about [illegible] after dinner [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Tuesday 7th October. Misty
in morning, promising another
lovely day. J. C. came up 10.10
after the Jr. Clapdes and went
[illegible]. Worried about J [illegible]
[illegible] has he taken any [illegible].
[illegible]. draft letter to Peter in type
[illegible] [illegible] Orchard Court
where [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible]. Wyndham
[illegible] to office and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] Peter and after [illegible]
[illegible] talk [illegible] Peter [illegible] his
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] James [illegible] Coleman [illegible]
[illegible] Sidney about his plans and
[illegible] [illegible] about [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] Cubbs [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] C. [illegible]
[illegible] Victoria — home 5.20. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Virginia [illegible].
[illegible] Smith had day off
[illegible] his family at [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] back [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] I had [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]

Wednesday 8th Oct. 1947

Mild murky day. To Stats [illegible] — [illegible] no [illegible] for pay. Could not [illegible]. [illegible] Maps [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in train. Tel. Jones re [illegible] [illegible] about [illegible] [illegible] in accounts. Made out my extra expenses May, June — [illegible] + [illegible] [illegible] Mrs Tate. + grapes. Discussed Robin D[illegible]'s report for All Quiet with Sidney. D. [illegible] Miss C. who is in one of her depressed moods. Suggested to her that I would like her to resume her place as my secretary and I have [illegible] another, and [illegible] she scented some conspiracy and refused to commit herself. James [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] James [illegible] [illegible] in Spectator. [illegible] 5. 4. 1. — had been [illegible] when I got home. Copied out letter to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. After dinner read Times + [illegible] [illegible] who [illegible] as usual and [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible]

Thursday dictated 9 to
pleasant variety manner
Lane Simons letters. Messages
Typing, Talk David Emmet
J. Girl Amherst Station
stamp letters to Thayer about
self. Rust-Cratts is Du thing.
Slight passage w. James news
call him I would not probably
Russian Commission heads
that he is interested in. Signed
dictated letters. Found keys in desk
drawer. Hope Jim will get good
work at Clark. Lunch, Webster
Jackins and Alex. Ask Theater
tickets and got rooms for them
at Trudeau Hotel where I spent
that afternoon dictating all
Back to office. Dictated & signed
a few letters. Sidney had great
plans [illegible] assault; Pruets back
for Bibliotheca. Just good as James
offered though he had drawn up copy
that I discarded. Home 5.4 and shaved
tried to Wednesday with Mrs Hughes
Simons is cottage better - father -
Susie absolutely refused his dinner

Friday October 10th 1947
Up late and breakfast after 9.
Read papers. Took money bag
down to Stores, got insurance
stamps P.O. and ale at Black
Horse. Left old brown shoes at
Greens for new rubber soles.
Usual gossip in street with [illegible]
Dalgliesh. Explored shelving above
kitchen cupboard re: G. hoping to find
any papers that might contain
K.B.P. letter giving G. control
address. but found nothing. I looked
in stable and attic of cottage and
brought over things but did
not find letter. Told C. Humphrey to
distemper cellar under cottage kitchen
white. After lunch read papers continued
hunt for K.B.P. letter. Took Cress
for our usual walk round by
Grantham and Cullen's [illegible] corner.
Home for tea. Sorted old cheques
receipts and bank statements
throwing away a lot. Shaved and
washed down. Cress absolutely [illegible]
sick last night & [illegible] until after
about 1½ hours I thought of giving her

[illegible]

[illegible]

Saturday October 11th 1919
up 7.15 and breakfast before
nine. Dressed blue stocking. Read
papers. Gladys W. calling E. to
tell her that it was Kay Waugh
that she talked [illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible] Davison. To store for
money and made up envelopes
and [illegible]. Stamped cards. Out
w. E., bringing up nutfuls for
luncheon. [illegible] Thomas's poem
by "Help yourself" apples are much
appreciated. After lunch brought
more papers for E. calling
and started to [illegible] my [illegible]
travelling clothes. [illegible]. Took [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]. Read [illegible]
Wells about [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] on [illegible]. From 5.15
[illegible] to see E. Took Bernall
[illegible] [illegible] has been eating down
[illegible] E. [illegible] get. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] apples
[illegible] had picked up [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible] of thanks for apples.
Dressed for dinner. When it [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]

Sunday October 12th 1947
Called up 7.15. M. Ellery about [illegible] & anthracite. C. says Evelyn did up [illegible] two' her [illegible]! [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] only [illegible] passengers. Breakfasted at Papa's. M. + I to service at Chapel 80th anniversary. Rev. Maxwell O. Jones [illegible] of Southern [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] Norman [illegible] got a testimonial for scripture lessons. Many [illegible] [illegible]. S[illegible] Protestant church. Made horse-radish sauce for very good roast beef. After lunch mended my travelling clock cart. When C. [illegible] back Paese for his usual walk round thro' Grantham [illegible]. Combed Paese a little. After tea made his dinner ready for cooking. C. has started [illegible] again of Madame Salario. Worked on bank accounts. Dressed for dinner. Paese at his dinner without persuasion perhaps due to Baf Martin's [illegible] that I am [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Monday October 13 [illegible]
up 7.45 [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Told Nemlis about taking up
[illegible] from all [illegible]
that [illegible] is [illegible]
Mild misty [illegible]. Worked
on [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] Thomas. Signed letters and
[illegible] first. John has been
signing agreements. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
John got out list of books I
[illegible] bought in last 3 years
Dictated a few letters. To [illegible]
[illegible] meeting. Mentioned [illegible] for
[illegible]. [illegible] Ch. [illegible]
[illegible] home. Address at [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] Hamilton. After dinner
made [illegible] & [illegible] him in kitchen
gave him Bob Martin [illegible]. [illegible]

Tuesday October 14th 1947
Passie came up + lay on my bed + A.M. C + I up to breakfast together 9.10. Left her at hairdresser and [illegible] to office. Board meeting 11.30. Thomas also. James rather non-committal. Dismissed Byrnes [illegible] [illegible] appeal, and future [illegible] [illegible]. W. E. Edwards [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] experience in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] lunch. [illegible] [illegible] graphs. Dictated a bit. Joined C. at Robertsons [illegible] quickly before they go [illegible]. They are having a cocktail party later and [illegible] [illegible] was there to help. Malcolm was there before we left and Donald + [illegible] [illegible] arrived. She is handsome like painting of Q. V. [illegible] in her youth. C. + I home 5.15. After dinner made [illegible] and [illegible] him in kitchen. [illegible] day [illegible] first he returned [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Wednesday Oct 15th 1947
Woke 4.30 & worried
mostly about James & office
heard [illegible] whining at 5 o'c
Down & took him out. Lovely
starlit night. Then he lay on
my bed. W. Helen C. B. in
train. Talk Clifford at office to
appraise [illegible] Victor Jones
as traveller. I think he must
be 50 years old so a subordinate
must be considered. Talk
Miss Dixon who also thinks
Victor would make a traveller
Bought two Regs £2.5.0. Gift-
Clock Case Carmen [illegible].
Lunch. Bradley & high naval
officer who knew Dennis.
Tea at [illegible] Cricket. Talk
Bank & tried [illegible] on [illegible]
but did not fit. Allen thinks
my foreign business payments will
go through. Ok. Told Sidney who
leaves [illegible] next week. [illegible]
went [illegible] and James thinks he
has had [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] talk about office. James 5.4
office [illegible] usual [illegible] routine

Thursday Oct. 16th 1947
Slept till 6.30. W. chgd for Mrs Stark. M.S. dull day W. diary in train. John at office. Says Ray had a sort of thing [illegible] on [illegible]. Can't make out what it really was. Was constant [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] any food. Says she will be all right and [illegible]. John [illegible] up [illegible] [illegible]. Talk Sidney about the department. [illegible] Gazette +1 Rathbone. Thinks Carrington Estate [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Says Martyn is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] talent. Back to office and had Sidney explain [illegible] [illegible]. W. McSimpson of Carrington Estate [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] McSomerset [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] asked to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Mr West [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] department [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] S.4. G. [illegible] had telephone [illegible] someone who wants [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Not [illegible] [illegible] his [illegible] but persuaded

Friday Oct. 17th 1947
Signed [illegible] [illegible]. Eva brought
cake for Mrs Kleck [illegible]
anniversary greeting. C. Gallup
to W. wedding card but she was
asleep when I went again & gave
it to her. Took up coffee for G
and Kay to lay [illegible]. [illegible]
at Bank. [illegible]
[illegible]. After [illegible]
dinner with Kay.
long talk there about travelling
and marriage. Call fr. Andrews
Mikhelson [illegible] naturalization
is being questioned because of
contributions in 1935 of his
book A School Day [illegible]
in Russian [illegible]. [illegible]
him to [illegible] taking responsibility
as publisher. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Tax. [illegible]
[illegible] 3 blue
[illegible] at £2.1.5 each
6 red roses at [illegible] £..3.6. 8 pink
roses [illegible] 13.6. 10 yellow roses
[illegible] 10/- [illegible] 31st
anniversary [illegible] wedding [illegible]
[illegible] 20 [illegible]

SATURDAY Oct 18th 1947

Devizes & square for money & insurance stamps. Returning bottle to Black Horse, and got shoes that Bacon had mended. Paid him. Mrs Stamp brought me a basket. Copied out to cut 1st letter and post card to Thomas about Wilhelm Tell. Altered timber from Cases to make food cupboard in cottage cellar. What Humphrey is now [illegible] whites. After lunch, read New Statesman. Crossings [illegible] armaments saved [illegible] last war. Posted letter to Thomas and went on to [illegible] Road and across to Batchelders gate and back by Chivers wood. Mrs Hacks [illegible] for tea [illegible] half [illegible] asked about cottage [illegible] Amos [illegible] [illegible] called off on [illegible] [illegible] before [illegible] cases etc up [illegible] [illegible] across

Sunday October 19th 1947
Lovely Autumn day. Mended
socks in dining room. I stop
baby wail as soon as they appear
. Alfred about my T. P.C.
to Thomas and enclosed P.C.
y Peele. C. to church and
worked on accounts. When she
came back we went over to the
cottage and cleared up a bit for
T. Amery's ... tomorrow
Brought up some apples for ...
before lunch. Went on with
accounts. Then took Caesar
for walk along dikes in ...
... Back for tea and
went on with accounts and got
cheque book up to date. Started
letter to ... about the finance
... consult ~~[illegible]~~ ...
said C. ... Rum drink before
dinner. After looked at ...
papers did a little more
accounts and attended to
... Caesar ... Bed 11.30

Monday Oct 20 - 1947
Called at 9.15 as usual
had slept well and felt
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Cardigan. Told
[illegible] to fill [illegible] basket
& [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] apples. N. Coates [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
letter. [illegible] [illegible] had [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] head
of [illegible] production [illegible] who
[illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] as a [illegible]
man [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
Lunch Colombo [illegible] [illegible].
N.a.C. [illegible] on a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Payne's son. His father
fell on rocks last [illegible]
operated on Saturday for clot
in brain. Doing well. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
Home 5.4. [illegible] [illegible]
and in bed at 11 o'c.

Tuesday Oct 21st 1947
Very cold night and heavy frost and fog this morning
W. Jaqua or [illegible] [illegible]
appoints. Traffic disorganised
in London - perhaps it is day of
opening parliament. Board
meeting James John. Signed
[illegible] I [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] Lunch
Mrs. Tow late. To A.N. and got
whiskey, gin & sherry & dog chain
to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
goes dry. Told James to get list
from [illegible] about Williams and
[illegible] out [illegible] of Tate [illegible]
Ebony. Told John that [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] between [illegible] and
[illegible] to [illegible] the people to [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] he [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] this with his usual
[illegible]. James S. & taking
drink and G. S. had a gin
and orange. Smith out but
good dinner for Simon. [illegible]
[illegible] and hot water bottle
and extra blanket for me.

Wednesday Oct 22nd '24

Change in weather warm and light rain. Gave a driving [illegible] when motor cycle [illegible] by W. [illegible] of the Cemetery about jewels left to the by Maud Story. Call at office fr Mrs Claud Charlton who [illegible] Mayer was married last [illegible] to a man named McCloud and [illegible] company [illegible] Mr Sutton [illegible] he has a post. D. [illegible] and replaced my apples in bags. [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] [illegible] about the [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] W. draft letter to Charlie Riddle about his account. Call fr. Mr Joseph [illegible] offered 52.10.[illegible] [illegible] G's [illegible] necklace & jewels [illegible] again. [illegible] Mrs [illegible] & Miss Parker [illegible] Sutton [illegible] [illegible] Tel. Stanton about [illegible] & G's gift [illegible] expired from 5 [illegible]. Sneezing [illegible]. D. & [illegible] puzzle. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] Talk B. Gerard [illegible]

Thursday Oct 23rd 1947
Parker in [illegible] as motor cycle
sent by [illegible] Hyett called here
[illegible] in front of house. Tickets
[illegible] for Sid [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Did accounts in train
Every day [illegible] comes + German
prisoners going home. To bank
and succeeded in opening the box
with one of the keys. I [illegible]
brought and [illegible] [illegible] pink
from card-board box leaving
everything in his box. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] promised Pettes
grey [illegible] + plum dinner jacket
for next Thursday. Call for
Sidney [illegible] who is really
a great [illegible]. Wants a life of
[illegible] Finch Hatton by [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
Gave Sidney £50. as [illegible] gift
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 52. 6. 8
for [illegible] [illegible]; and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. Somerset [illegible]
cannot afford to buy the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 200 [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] 5. 4. [illegible]

~~Thursday~~ FRIDAY Day October 24th

Had Pacel again in Chair when Talbot boy went by on his motor cycle. B. + I up to London 9.10. Read Times and re. Kibble agreement in train. Taxi to Debbie + left E's clips to have more prongs put on for safety. Mrs Calcutt had posted card to Alfreda but I gave him pebble. I got her aquamarine brooch. Then taxi to Westminster Abbey memorial service for Sir Ian Hamilton. I have never been [illegible] as we got out light-weight coat and top hat. We were in best-place with family. Beautiful service and wonderful organ music. Last post. Lament by pipers and Reveil. Charlotte + Violet Bonham Carter. B. + I to Colonial Office for lunch then. Then shopped while B. talked to John in the Min's room. I suggested something [illegible] of Comms Telecom [illegible] rather Agreement type. Home 5.30. Young father + mother [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] thanks H. having another baby. Drink before dinner. Pressure continues

Saturday. October 25th 1947
Danes to Square for money
stamps & bank. Charley Humphrey
has finished distempering cottage
all the white – very neatly. To and
painting cottage woodwork a
lighted [illegible]. Emptied one chest
of drawers in cottage attic [illegible].
Found letter to Coleman in which
I made a list of C.P.C. gifts copied
& letter of [illegible] sent [illegible] [illegible]
which [illegible] cannot find. I think it
contained [illegible] to [illegible]
contents of [illegible]. Brought up basket
of apples from [illegible] young [illegible]
& [illegible]. After lunch [illegible] away
& destroyed letters etc. for cottage.
[illegible] old [illegible] etc. Brought
up more nice apples. [illegible]
[illegible] up our poor [illegible]. Walk
[illegible] [illegible]. Saw lots of game
[illegible]. Tea and then copied [illegible]
[illegible] book. Drink before dinner
[illegible] routine and bed early. [illegible]
[illegible] after dinner [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Sunday Oct 26th Cold bright
day. Have not worn combina-
tions for ten days, but wearing
my wooden silk and wool shirts.
Put away papers from cottage
etc. for E. Wyndham. My eyes
strained from work in trains etc.
I must stop. Worked on accounts
all the morning. E. went to
church & said Vicar read a [illegible]
pamphlet recommended by
the Archbishop of Canterbury
instead of sermon, on the causes
of the present economic situation
due to past mistakes. Good
lunch by Simone who is
learning to cook well. Went on
with my accounts finishing
May June and July. Awkwardly
and personal. Cold wind so [illegible]
took [illegible] for walk. Rich [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible]. Met [illegible]
[illegible] Plumpton Children and
Joan Baker & her husband children
& dog. Same tea. Copied accounts
till dinner & after. Bed 11.30

3rd Programme Interview with [illegible] Victor

[illegible] Carter on the [illegible]

Monday October 27th 1947
Changed Waxie as another eagle
went by. W. 3rd + 4th letters
W T [illegible] completing Wilhelm Tell
story to be copied + sent next
week + night after. Stopped at
A + N and [illegible] [illegible] the
three [illegible] on [illegible] [illegible] supply.
Stopped at Bank [illegible] Post [illegible].
[illegible]. Brought up 5 [illegible]
Attended to [illegible] [illegible], J
Varnished [illegible] [illegible] Bon's
[illegible] on [illegible] [illegible]
Lunch Mrs. Tav. To Waters and
left Hanly's [illegible] and
[illegible] to be altered.
Very [illegible] dark [illegible] out
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. N J [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible] left at [illegible]
arrived Friday [illegible] back
[illegible] Mrs [illegible]. Home 5
And [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] + did not [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] home
Sherry before dinner. Chocolate as
usual [illegible]. Read Times. [illegible] [illegible]

Tuesday October 28th 1947
Cold + dull. Peter obtained as
motor cycle [illegible]. C. off up
to London. W.H.L.H. in
train. Board meeting James
John. Told them that if
England as a whole is not
working hard enough we
must [illegible] all. It will be
interesting to see how they take
this and if they feel stopped
marking [illegible] at my [illegible]
and on Saturday. Tel.
Gibraltar about a secretary
for John. Had Mrs Cook [illegible]
her dictation. Long talk to
Mr Jones about business
and personal accounts.
Met C. at Victoria and home
6.30. C. had had lunch with
the ladies and spent afternoon
with Antoinette in clearing [illegible]
her + Olive's Royal Hospital Road.
Drink before dinner and
Pacific [illegible] after.

[illegible] C. [illegible]

Wednesday October 29th 1947

Milk arrived too late for my breakfast tea. Bank charged us ... eight pounds ... a Draft in their office ... Mrs ... and J. L. H. asked for ... + ... + a ... for ... Lunch Mrs. ... Talk James about ... Drafted ... Talk Mr Somerset about my account and paid ... £130. That ... owing. Think I will sell my A.N.Z. shares ... Concert ... J. H. Cold night. Got ... Charles on my way to ... and ... Lady ... me feel ...

Thursday Oct 30th 1947
Cold misty morning. Passed
up Chest as mother eye passed
w. Alfred in train office
11.50 after calling at 366 A
King Rd. Ex-inhabitants E.A. Barrie
Dunl & Henderson - well
known & lithographs good
[illegible] & [illegible] [illegible]. Signed
[illegible] & w Mrs Henderson
[illegible] [illegible] & [illegible]
Photo [illegible] with [illegible]
& [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible].
Lunch Colombelle Rd. Call [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] employed [illegible]
Town Hall. Talk [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Think [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] &
[illegible] place. Tel. Mr [illegible]
of Pitmans about his [illegible].
[illegible] 4.30 taking Mr. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for A & N. & make home
[illegible] [illegible]. Also [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

Friday October 31st
Peter came up w. C. 12.30
and slept on my bed. W. T. Jones
& last f. c.s — covering letters
telling Wilhelm Starke one to be sent
? one next week. Got out
? Goods for C. and looked
through most letters for ?
? instructions. Tel. ?
and ? Peter ? at Roger
? that I forgot. Read
Irish story "? the ?" by
Anne ? ? ?
before and after lunch. Peter arrived
just as I was starting out for
walk in Wild Brook w. ?
my usual circle ? ? back
by Rackham Hill. Peter went out
later w. ? but did not
shoot anything. Alix arrived and
Peter back for tea. Alix decidedly
improved. Read Irish story till
dinner with drinks for all.
Peter & I dressed. I gave him
? shooting breeches fr. ?
Peter ? his shooting jacket fr.
same place. ? ? ? ?

Saturday November 1st 1947
Up 7.15 Started at once after breakfast to sew button on pyjamas and darn two holes in the thick grey socks that I wanted to wear. Found it took so long that it was nearly 11 when I finished. Down to Spicers with book for stamps & money. Made up envelopes and paid men. C. Humphrey painting cottage woodwork & light work. Peter got rug for C. at Mrs Collins's. After lunch finished rush story not good enough. Jack Birkell finished cutting down diseased elm on lawn. Peter shooting on Walbrooks, so took Tacker for walk along Rich Hedge. Back for tea. Peter got a pheasant and a partridge. After tea did accounts. Peter and Jack home. Sherry at Castle and late to dinner. I did more accounts afterwards and put back clock for "day light saving". Peace restored. Read bed late.

Sunday November 2nd
Daylight saving ended.
Today C. & I to church. Vicar
preached again on family
reunion and the Archbishop's
other life, and very good
letter out. Speeches of data
in all and deck. Sherry
party Evelyn, Cecily, Rosemary
and Australian, Brian, Elizabeth
staying. Stephen brown [illegible]
Gilbert called, [illegible]
C. then night of talk. After
lunch walked etc. occasion
till 4.10. then [illegible]
[illegible] from walk [illegible]
bridge. Elizabeth to tea. C.
[illegible] children and [illegible]
fed them. She and I left
others in N. room and retired to
letters, then when I struggled
with accounts before and
after dinner. C. watched at [illegible]
[illegible] Conservatives gains in
Municipal elections. Both
Cottage Naval officer called and

Monday November 3rd
Peter and Alex going by
11.10 train. I went up
by 9.10 as usual and
started letter to Catherine
on train. James away
visiting [illegible] in
North. Miss Brown officially
taken [illegible] but I think she
is taking hold of production.
Card from [illegible]. Dictated
Mrs C. and told John she
was not very cooperative.
Miss Brown - home by [illegible]
[illegible] and called on John Early
who introduced me to Mr Cullen
but neither of them could produce
a young man for our [illegible]
dept. [illegible] for card [illegible]
[illegible] home 5.7. very
dark from [illegible] daylight
saving. [illegible]
After dinner [illegible] & bed
early

Tuesday December 4th
Finished letter to Campaign
& took it office. Tel. Dick
Harmsworth & Oswald Peake
about K.P.G. Tel to Mrs
Mackenzie-Grieve. John & I had
beef dinner. James after
[illegible] [illegible]. Dwight Tel
fr. C [illegible] [illegible] up [illegible] 10.10
[illegible] had a letter to Campaign
[illegible] contents of Delegates.
Tel. Jap [illegible] Stephens. C.
called here & I took her to
tea [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] will [illegible]
[illegible] her mother [illegible]
and [illegible] to Lorenzo.
Lunch Dick Seymour Carrie
spoke to C. Russell about Mildred
Seymour's game [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] at & Reminiscences [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] last evening. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Dinner [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] 6.10. She has been to
[illegible] play with negro [illegible].

Wednesday Nov 5th
W. Coleman about Contents to Richmond & about my machine. M. James asks – two autograph letters. W. Stanley Morris about Greenwich map. At office received H.O.G. [illegible] W. Mrs Craft about her N.Y. address. She has got [illegible] my specimens letter. W. Chapman [illegible] C's N.Y. manuscript. [illegible]
Mr. Tao. Paid R. Beresford after H.C.O. letter for Peter. Asked M. Peter [illegible] Chapman's Ave. Hugh Walpole about [illegible] fee of big front of the [illegible]. [illegible] had cigarette [illegible]
Mrs C. writes H.O.G. meeting [illegible]
Tel. fr. Mrs C[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] two girls tomorrow [illegible] [illegible] – on a [illegible]. Dictated [illegible] Brown. W. Mr [illegible] who [illegible] agreement at [illegible]. Home 5. [illegible] H.N. battle of [illegible] post. Read letters to Coleman [illegible] as to [illegible] she [illegible] I had not [illegible] slaves [illegible] case against [illegible]. But after a [illegible] she [illegible]

Thursday November 6th
Burglars and attempts at
fireworks about village last
night. Foggy morning [illegible]
calm. Parish barked at 6 and
let him out and he came
back + lay on my bed. Tabert [illegible]
[illegible] on his mother's eyelids [illegible]
[illegible]. Passed asleep. Slow foggy
journey. W. Dunsany referring
his Catholic novel. D. [illegible] sent
Vogue F's diamond clips to my
aunt. [illegible] parcel — my [illegible]
not knowing contents. J. McG.
back. Signed [illegible] night
[illegible]. Carl [illegible] athletic
non-intellectual girl to be Tabi's
secretary not engaged. Lunch
[illegible] Tav. W. Masterman who
[illegible] can leave flat Dec 5
W. [illegible] about 1st Duke [illegible]
call for girl who would be
[illegible] in international politics
[illegible] suitable for Tabi. Tel.
[illegible] [illegible] saying that [illegible]
[illegible] 5.4 [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] fatal 3. Ray
[illegible] in Engl. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Dec 12 [illegible]

Friday November 7th.
Spent morning clearing out bamboo chest & drawers in the cottage. Clearing & putting things in Studio. O. Humphreys painting in cottage garage & apparently in C.C.'s room but very successfully. Discussed another scent. Tel. Wheeler about Case & Carter. Tel. Oppen got Fitz several number of old tel. Ewart & proceed with 4 ... no agreement as Mrs. I. promise vacant possession Dec. 15. Vita Meynell to lunch. After lunch ... I had altercation about Russia ... Vita apparently on my side. Gave Vita Frank E. Renoir picture. ... Carter & Wheeler about ... Took Case for long walk back ... for tea and ... letter fr. Marguerite ... about ... of ... Smith ... would like to come ... but ...

Saturday November 5th.
Cal. fr. Hammond who has left Cash, is sleepy man on the door. Burke Jr. Wise seems a broken frightened man. Tel Cash ordering electric Cooker 32.15.0. Tel Gulchie, will come over to see about trees & trees [illegible] on CO. Tel telephone Manager to dis-connect Oak [illegible] cottage. Read death of Mr Valiant-for-truth fr. Pilgrim's Progress aloud W.C. Quoting at Sir Ian Hamilton's Memorial Service. Square for stamps money [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] Bean [illegible] sale. Out 3/- a bag for Armistice day [illegible] Post Paris for Chemist [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] men & stamps [illegible]. After lunch Barnett [illegible] cut down dying lime tree [illegible] of Plummer hedge. Charlie seems to have nipped a man's [illegible] in the road. Posted [illegible] Wilhelm. Tel P.C. to Thomas. Walk Press Grasshopper. Called Q. [illegible] & this Press [illegible] signed [illegible] [illegible] Cupboard after [illegible] accounts. Evening. Tuck & Press [illegible]

Sunday Nov 9th 1947

S.W. wind mild and rain. Symmetric Sunday but [illegible] did not go to church. Finally got my October accounts balanced. To go Price Allen. After lunch read papers and then went to cottage wi: Price Allen and showed him the new cupboard built in cottage [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] has delivered the timber. Also broken springs in big bed which he says he can repair. Walk with [illegible] along dyke circling to left and coming back by Chinese road. After tea worked on Ambuly accounts. C. writing with [illegible] to [illegible] about [illegible] and copying her letter. I warned her that the letter was not [illegible] so bad to [illegible] and she [illegible] from the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that she wished she had answered a different way.

[illegible] for dinner Bea[illegible]

Monday Nov 10th 1947
Spoke to Nancy Smith in
train and of her engagement
to [illegible] Weeks Apsley(?). He is an
artist & they do not expect
to be married for some time.
W. Marguerite in train.
Signed letters and dictated to
Miss Clark. Lunch Mrs Tait &
read Rawicz's(?) dream like
German novel which Jarrolds(?)
is sponsoring. Modern and
without any obvious meaning.
Call fr. Mrs Hyde, whom
John has suggested as his
secretary. Seems a clever
international Bohemian.
Divorced English wife of a Czech.
Signed letters and home 5.
Finished letter to Marguerite
in train. Good curry of
mutton by Simmons. Wild
dark night when I went
out with Carol. G. read
New Yorker with his
usual amusement and

Tuesday November 11th 1924.
Cam Smith one of Peter's
pupils to see [illegible] his [illegible]
[illegible] called & [illegible]
[illegible] Up to
London. Looked in at Bank
[illegible] but [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Peter
has just got directions
[illegible] W.
Peter suggests St Andrews
but [illegible] had
had [illegible] so
W. [illegible] Cambridge
Colleges. Lunch [illegible] in
[illegible] and sandwiches &
[illegible] Mrs. Tat. W. [illegible]
about Hatley. Talk [illegible]
about [illegible]. New suit
and Harley's country coat and
grey waistcoat arrived from
[illegible]. Took bus home & [illegible]
[illegible] on 5.30 train & home
together. Smith out & [illegible]
[illegible] dinner. [illegible]

Wednesday November 12th
Wore my new suit - very
nice. Windy morning.
Over East and no real train
W. Statement for Bank of E:
on C's income. Spent
morning preparing papers
for N.A.J. Clu meeting.
Lunch grape - fruit
sandwich anchovies on
toast - eggs a la the
Tav. To meeting + letting
Report. Bennet Walter
Alingham et. as. old
Clu resigned and new
Clu a W. Hainsworth
Alingham - Other Clubs
elected. 4.30 when I got
back to office. Signed
letters and the 5.30
train home. Waited 20 minutes
at Harrigans and home ½ hour
late. Paxes buttons + sewed a
button on my pyjamas.

Thursday November 18th
Directors meeting to carry
Mr Crubbs [?] Q.S.P. N.Y.
shares. James slightly de-
murred at my view that
close relations with N.Y. were
possible or desirable. Sent
off applications for Peter
to Cambridge Colleges. Corpus
Christi, Peterhouse, Emmanuel [?].
St Catharine's, Jesus, because
of Tuhin's [?] letter. Hall [?] for Director[?]
Deere [?]. Business comity [?].
Lunch. Colombo 3-or [?]. Arranged
to have door open out in
little room for the painter [?].
Interviewed Mrs Dymka [?] again
and she will start a week
from Monday. Told Mr C
which was not altogether given [?].
John gave me to understand
that Frank & Clyde were not
selling. Read McKenzie's Dream [?] and
& Angela Whitcomb's Escaped prisoner
story. Home 5.20 taking Australian
[illegible] [illegible]. ABC [illegible] [illegible]

Friday November 14th, 1947
C. Morn. Three painting cottage wood-
work light oak. Decided on dark
colour for cupboard in best bedroom.
Took away scuttle full of ashes for
cutting room fireplace. Tel. Mr.
Dent to get Slides about Dalton's
resignation, and got tel. from
[illegible] to me. Noura on Tuesday, also
telephone to Tagore to enquire;
Noura had just called up on her
return from America. Read Russell's
book Travelling Companions before
& after lunch. Walk nr Padge
along dyke and across field below
Gledhow. Coat & stick and damp
grass got very wet. Home tea.
Annette had brought back a cleft-
cut from Horsham. Read
Russell's book until dinner making
notes for reference to Noura.
Brandy & soda for me, orange and
[illegible] for C. I am tired of that
fruit syrup mixture. After dinner
talked a bit and then Bass
[illegible] which take up all
the evening. Bed eleven o'c

Saturday November 15th
Lay in bed for ¼ hour after Smith called me. Parish had come up some time during night. Read papers. General sympathy for Dalton but he must be jumped. Had a rest of black out.
Spoon & squares for chairs. Letters, money & stamps and spoke to Clare [illegible] about drawing floor. Read Russian book after paying men & stamping cards. C. & I quarrel at the [illegible] over — of all things — prisoner of Zenda! She brought up old grievance that I will never admit I am wrong. Jack Bowen has had accident & opened up old rupture and says he can never climb again. Spent a.m. sawing out. Maclin, & [illegible] sapling to please C. Then work in Parks. Home tea. Read Russian book and Parse [illegible].

[illegible]

Sunday Nov. 16th 1947

Lay in bed ½ hour after Doris called me. Peter had been [illegible] for some time at 1.30 and I brought them up while on my bed. Looked at papers. Q. and Irene ? Came Reckoning in S. Times. Read Russian Cheek a bit. N. [illegible] big bed in cottage and [illegible] mattress from other bed [illegible] of matches in corner [illegible] for bed posts. Decided put a[illegible] Q. agreed when she came back from Church. She and I went to [illegible] [illegible] by garden gate that Mr Reed who has got a [illegible] block her light. Cut [illegible] between under C's [illegible] [illegible] she [illegible] she did not like it. [illegible] Evelyn returning C. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], I had almost [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] telephone.

[illegible]

Monday 17th November

Took Pappi down & chased him just as mother cycles ... my heavy breakfast. Finished minutes of ... meeting in train ... to ... Office ...

[illegible]

Tuesday 18th November
Up early to a snow storm
with [illegible] thick & slush. I
got Peter Flowers to go over
W. draft of passenger [illegible]
& Calumet labor memorandum
[illegible] R.R. Board Meeting [illegible]
J.J. [illegible] letter. Signed agreement
for Kingston [illegible]. Taxi to
Gov. [illegible] was to. of Travellers
Companions & Russian original
& proof of [illegible] and [illegible].
left [illegible] check to [illegible]. Spent
first hour of lunch. Dr. [illegible]
who looked well & after after
noon [illegible] times in [illegible]
says France [illegible] has been [illegible]
[illegible] will not continue paper:
[illegible] English & [illegible]
no longer [illegible]. To [illegible]
[illegible] Rebels [illegible] last [illegible]
[illegible]. Contest - Night Nicholas. I
[illegible] to take both. Dictated
[illegible] Boston [illegible] 5.30. C.H.
and [illegible] attend. She confessed to
Mr Stewart for comfort. Found
letter from Rebecca Conferring

9th January. 1947 W.E.

Damp morning. Sat in middle of [illegible] coach which less vibration. Worked on financial statement to Board of E. in train. Left hall for [illegible] [illegible] have letter—Phillips. Asked John for Whitcomb letter ok. I had asked for Monday. Said he had asked for it from Miss C. Told him to get it himself. Said he didn't know where it was. Told him to find out. Finally he brought it with bad grace. [illegible] had been [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible]. Brought back my case intact from Lost Property. Call from [illegible] by telephone. Spoke of his letter [illegible] Spencer and [illegible] [illegible] Lunch Ath. Spoke of [illegible] Chiswick. Said I wanted leisure to write a book. He was pleased. Got paper bag of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] brought [illegible] I left at Athenaeum. Called Stanton [illegible] left B.B.C. [illegible] will [illegible] after [illegible] + quiet [illegible] [illegible]. C. ill + [illegible] [illegible] sheets [illegible]

20th November 1947 THURS.
warm with fine spray & rain
Train nearly empty but a few
people got in at Sutton. Read Spain
during as i had not brought chapter
case. Got off 38 bus in Piccadilly &
joined crowd crowd in Green Park
by the Palace and saw glass coaches
and cavalry escort go by. To
[illegible] steps and saw Mr Page
and his wife and listened to wedding
service on the radio. To office
and discussed museum exhibit
with Miss Croft who took it all
in good part. Peter and his
dinner with Geoffrey [illegible] for
[illegible] and took them to lunch
at Frascatis. Back to office
where Mr Freeman etc was trying
to get desk for Miss Croft.
Mistake. Underground to
Victoria & train to St. Leonards
Shaun's here for the night
is still in great distress over want-
ing conduct her mother's [illegible]
talked till after Shaun had
gone to hot bath & bed.

Friday Nov. 21st 1947.
Warm day with [illegible] wind
Tel John to use stick & an
Williamson [illegible] Mr [illegible]
said he had [illegible] Mrs Cook [illegible]
up [illegible] Mrs Brownes [illegible]
Mrs Cook. G. & Shaw had breakfast
together and she confided [illegible]
about the gift of the [illegible] & its
contents to Lorenzo [illegible] health
[illegible] hysterics. S had [illegible]
& said and reassuring, suggesting
letter likely to lead to satisfactory
compromise. I wrote cheque —
[illegible] my papers a little, as [illegible]
wasting time [illegible]
documents. After lunch, [illegible]
[illegible] pictures [illegible]
light brown, [illegible]
with damp. When G. went to [illegible]
I walked to station with Shaw to
[illegible] to walk [illegible]
[illegible]. Back for tea. G. writing
to Christina about [illegible]
I finished letter to Martha [illegible]
W. [illegible] about his paper [illegible].
Todays paper full of Wedding
pictures! After dinner [illegible]
[illegible]! Bed 11.45

Saturday November 22 1947
up late and breakfast
9.30 Mrs Hook called to
spare dress made of black
cloth from my fur coat. walk
by cottage but also across to
see villagers houses and
cattle arranged that it was
general [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] to hat [illegible] from his
[illegible]. [illegible] for
[illegible] - stamps & left bottle
at [illegible]. Paid rent
and stamped cards. After
lunch [illegible] candle holders
and [illegible] them to [illegible] for her
Christmas tree and [illegible] parcel
[illegible] to P. O. [illegible] letter [illegible]
dress for Katie. Jack [illegible]
had [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
to cut dead top off poplar
got cake at Allen's [illegible] & [illegible]
had [illegible] [illegible] before.
w. Alix about [illegible] confirmation
after tea. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] her mother [illegible]
and she [illegible] after dinner

Tuesday November 23rd

Up 7.30. C. realizes that she must put a sane 17 [illegible] out of her mind or she will go mad like Eleanora. Spoke telephone [illegible] Claude W. Read and [illegible] Eden is in town with his Donna and will never come back. Says Crain Club [illegible] at Carnegie. Thus no [illegible] & cleans buy [illegible] at the dinner table — [illegible] supposed to be in town. C. [illegible] [illegible] Wednesday about weeks [illegible] waited on [illegible] back. Took Pam for walk on [illegible]. Approached by young [illegible] who offered [illegible] and talked of [illegible]. I claimed right to [illegible] property. [illegible] back of the [illegible] supper [illegible] Anna. Blue [illegible] pleasantly. C. [illegible]

C. went to Oatman

Monday November 24th 1947
Mrs [illegible] rushed away
[illegible]. Have sent papers to
[illegible]. Miss Clark upstairs but
still gloomy. She is a big
[illegible] at [illegible]. Richard
[illegible] and gave him little
[illegible] afternoon. But I had
[illegible] in [illegible]. Lunch Mrs Tay
& talked to ex-army man about
Jews & Esquimaux. He says
[illegible] laugh and smell
horribly but don't notice it
themselves and think white people
smell. They are learning all white
[illegible] and no [illegible]. [illegible] &
got paper & [illegible]
[illegible]. Hair cut. Office
signed letters. Home 5.30
walked to Station [illegible] Phillips
who says too expensive to keep his
car licence just the same and
not enough petrol to make it
worth while. Says owner of the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] and bed 11.30

Tuesday November 20th
G. & I up to [illegible]. Read Times
United Nations army [illegible] via
Brussels next year. G. to
hair-dresser and ladies' lunch.
I had beauty-making and
prepared returning presents
[illegible] & [illegible] to [illegible]
Then James visited [illegible]
and I accused him of not
being sympathetic to my
ideas. He said I was [illegible]
to [illegible] just Italy visited I
lunch [illegible] Tab. To Mona's
& worked revising Russian
text. G. came to meet me and
Mona had to go for his
Korea work and G. wrote
Monzi's maid gave G. a little bunch
& bottles and I took him a drink
given a [illegible]. Taxi to Victoria for
[illegible] I got a cup of tea but no
milk. [illegible] 5.30. G. had [illegible]
[illegible] ladies & Sir [illegible] the [illegible]
presents at Palace with the crowd. A [illegible]

Wednesday November 26

Breakfast delayed by weakened electric current. Copied income report to bank of England in the train. Met Alix at office and at once went with her by tube to Highgate for Betty's confirmation with a hooded cope by Bishop of London who gave a sermon to others after. Seems a pleasant rather flashy sort of prelate. Betty handsome and impressed. Takes Mr. Bell who agrees that March will be better than this December in view of his university Latin exams. He walked with me to Highgate Archway etc. He had no umbrella. Took Alix to Colombo Ltd. so crowded that we waited an hour for very poor lunch. Office. Sent letter to C. Biddle about Palermo. He is selling pictures. Home 5.30. Very cold

Thursday November 27

No electricity for my breakfast so Smith & I made an fire in sitting room. Very cold. Finished income tax report & again. Took cab instead of bus to office. Talk to soldier about dearness. Said he kept dear in war but against order. Left jar at Phillips for sugar. Nothing particular at office till Thornton came & we had lunch Fossett's. Sent him copy of Ex. in bath. He is pathetic child I say he needs so badly with portion of his government gift that he tried affair & love with a girl assistant but did not succeed & only made himself ridiculous & had a mental breakdown. Home 5:30. Very cold. L. still has Paderewski on her mind and is very nervous and demoralized. We talked after dinner and I was let with Paterson routine. Bed 11.45

Friday November 28th 1947

Aldeburgh. Spent morning telephoning. Pain What Denver about week, had given Price Allen, C. Humphrey & Charles Jr. Reid starting yesterday helped Charles at I. for 2 days a week. Mrs Hawk came to see C. her hand still in splint. She had hardly gone when Alice Baker came and so her morning went. I did a little work on Russian book and was not starting again after lunch when Mr Mayle had Pat. telephoned ... She is married to ... son of Mayor & lives 7 Stratford ... ... and ... ... Walk ... Tea and ... for the ... for ... of ...

Saturday Nov. 29 1941
Read papers and W. diary
after breakfast. Left cattle
door open all night. Down
to Square and got Mrs
Mickey and stamps. Posted
Weekly Times to Suppanil
and Weekly Scotsman to Alfred
for Kate. Spoke to Carruthers
about getting garage doors
and altering windows to turn
garage into a cottage. Paid
[illegible] and stamped cards.
[illegible] a long letter with Dessie
and Agnes Leslie, asked them
to come in for sherry before
lunch if [illegible], but they
couldn't, engaged [illegible]. Came
[illegible] Castle [illegible] to [illegible] for
[illegible] Christmas night. [illegible]
a little [illegible] Brazil [illegible]
before after lunch. [illegible]
[illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] about
[illegible] blanket [illegible]
and [illegible] - fatal [illegible]
[illegible] broken hip. Russian [illegible]
after tea. Read before dinner.
[illegible] after [illegible] has [illegible]

Sunday November 30th 1947
Up promptly 7.15 and breakfast
8.31. Spent morning on Russian
work. C. to church and
sermon on "Abide with me"
After lunch looked at S.T. re
French situation catastrophic
walk via Possil Rock hedge
and back below. Home 4.20
and finished Russian book
before tea. Very cold day.
Crawhurst came after
church and I explained about
windows and garage door.
Drink before dinner. Tel.
fr. George Roberts who wants
me to have luncheon with
him at United Hunt Club to
discuss his book re
Children's Slattery Slugs. Very
cold and much colder night
.... than ....
going. Started to write letters
.... Peter to Cambridge. W. Bell

Monday Dec. 1st - 1947
Fog and at times cold
with every stem and twig
furred with white frost.
Advised C. to have bath in
bathroom where water comes
straight fr. boiler. Tel. Slatter
for him on monthly season ticket.
Fog & fog signals all the way
to London. Mr. Mead and [illegible]
[illegible] went to hospital for
treatment. She for eyes [illegible]
and he for nasal [illegible]
[illegible] got out a Wedding [illegible]
[illegible] for his breakfast at [illegible]
Stephens had asked for it [illegible]
C. will keep it at least for a
while. Tel. [illegible] Morra
[illegible]. Insurance about [illegible]
coat. Lunch Mr Tow & Gregory
Dictated to Miss C. [illegible]
[illegible] frightful stack. Consulted
[illegible] about [illegible] but
[illegible] about [illegible]
and showed him [illegible]
Train unheated and delayed by fog.

Tuesday December 2nd 1947

Brighter day with little fog growing & thicker along the Mrs. Again advised ... home both myself & my both young ... / ... ... nothing from Simons ... ... of call. Board meeting absent and books. Posted letter to Helen C. B. ... in ... about France and Strange. ... Mrs Tar. Worked on Complete Open Book and call for Bonavia on a ... . Saw him in ... ... and ... coffee together. Signed letter and taxi to Victoria 5.4 Sat 20. Cold. Electric ... failed so no ... but ... bottle of ... ... with ... . yard ...

Wednesday Dec 3 1947
Not so cold but dark
morning. W. wages cheque
to Peter and Alix in tubes &
draft letter to Bunny for wines
Miss Cook said James Shand got
spirit for Bunny last summer for
his cocktail party for his sister
by giving my name. I talked to him
which [illegible] [illegible]. T. also [illegible]
very cheerful today. T. 4. 11+
Bulk of V... [illegible] about [illegible]
will [illegible] he said he would lead
an original. I had stopped at
Bank on my way to station
and got Bankers draft for
£700 balance of premium for
Kingston Ho. flat. Left & got
[illegible] and saw Medley who
said he had not heard from
Helen for some time. Lunch
Irena at [illegible] lunch to discuss her
[illegible] slugs. Dictated Miss C.
Irena checked [illegible] [illegible] reasons
[illegible] 5 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] sheet.
C. has letter fr. Stephanie who
thinks Emma's brightness R.B.C.

[illegible]

Thursday Dec. 4, 1947
Finished packing and gave
Charley pay envelopes and fare
for Parcel. C. and I up to Dorchester
in 1st class compartment.
Weather damp but warmer.
W. Charley B. caught by
inspector and had to pay 3/10
extra fare. To Dorchester
where I left C. and on to
Smithsons where I got a drink
and then to Mugranelly where I left
Peter's glasses to be mended.
Letter fr. Stanley Morison about
young production man.
Call fr. Bruce, looks well
but eczema on arm. Dis-
couraged autobiography but
not dis interested in [illegible]
& to from Curtain. Lunch C.
Dorchester. Her mink coat
now two squares in shoulders and
too short. Office worked on
new Bruce agreement till 6.45
Back to Dorchester. C. sister [illegible]
looked together at R.B.P. old English
until 1939 + found she had the square
[illegible] and [illegible]

after dinner went to [illegible]

Friday Dec 5th 1947

O. could not sleep last night with sleep a stabbing excruciating pain in her head that she feared a stroke, gave her an aspirin and tried to comfort her and she went to sleep & felt better when she woke. To office punctually 10.15. Finished Lease/sheet agreement and dictated Mr C. Earle [illegible] Mus. [illegible] & grapes. Alex W. has gastric flu and cannot come to play tonight. O. had lunch w/ Ruth Draper & me went to Douglas Stones' to play Chelsea Standards. Worked all afternoon with Marina on Russian Bust, arrived at her flat 1.30 & found Mrs Beck there. Bulls came today and Mrs [illegible] had lunch with Marina while I worked. Mr Omar joined me and we worked till 4. Back to office & signed Brake New Agreement & left for Mr John. Rochester [illegible] again. Then Cas to Ealing Badgers Green. It was a good

Tallis [illegible] in [illegible] Angel [illegible] 25 [illegible]

Sat. Dec 8th 1945
Dorchester. Packed and
to Maurice's at 10.30.
Worked till 2.45 + finished
Russian book. Taxi back
to Dorchester and luncheon
w/ C. + Ida Carrick. I left
them immediately after and went
to flat but porter did not have
key. Then nice young electrician
who had been working in Mrs Tom
Ismay's flat got me a key attached
to a sticky eyeglass but it would
not open door and proved to
be the key to Mrs Tom Ismay's own
flat. So I went back to the
Dorchester and had the paid bill
and C and I came down to
Henfield by the 3.8 train.
Met by Douglas and found Smith
waiting for us with bought [illegible]
up sitting room. Got Cassie from
Charley & unpacked and changed
stock. Simmons had nice dinner
for us, and we enjoyed getting
home. After dinner [illegible] papers
and [illegible] routine. Bed 11.30

Sunday Dec. 7th 1947
Up late. Discussed turning house. Annexe into cottage w. Charley Alix staying w. Leoinia at Castle. Evelyn away in Hereford C. + I to Church, but only [illegible] uninspired sermon on missions. After Church Alix came and we had a glass of Sherry together. C. asked her to come to lunch tomorrow. Cool damp still day. After lunch read S. Times. Osbert Sitwell has won the literary prize of £1,000. That better [illegible] + [illegible] had hoped to get. Took Gabri for walk on downs met Kathi with David and Mary + Ray Plummer, and Joan Baker with her husband 2 little girls + dog. Changed and C + I tea. C. complained that she had no maids and replied that but for me she could have Nannie in flat! Reverted to her mother's gift of Passions to Lanning. Frankie checking Russian ex. After dinner [illegible] Paris etc shambled in

better weather

Monday Dec 8th 1947
Charley ill with cold.
Finished work on Russian
book in taxi. Talk about
it to James at office. He is
inclined to blame Moore that
I have had to muddle with him.
Dictated Mrs C. who is getting
very slow. Lunch Mrs. T do.
T.H. Bullen, T.W. Kempton [illegible]
[illegible] Electric Company. Signed letters
Till wants to show of all his [illegible]
paid for servants and time of [illegible]
James discussed his Hopkinson
[illegible] [illegible] Mr. [illegible] he commissioned
and [illegible] does not like.
Racked my brains for title to
Russian Book asked Moore
for a title of [illegible] [illegible]
would do. Letter from [illegible]
C.B. not doing so badly in
Paris but no [illegible] and little good for
[illegible] Betty. Mrs. [illegible] call with her
and American friend coming
5.30 home. [illegible] appeared ill &
[illegible] might. C. has [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] but [illegible]

Tuesday Dec 9th 1947
Opening better, but had
diarrhoea C. 01 up 8 —
Conductor 9.18. Bad times.
C. dropped me at Berry's where
I left quilt for lignin
and then went to 5
Electric Co. and signed
for supply for 43 Kings
Rd. Office after 12 to
lab for Board Meeting
Dietrich Uhle & Bernard
Jame Blixen, Peter, et al.
Cut valuations for Indian
necklaces from Chemo Comm
and left Quad pencil for
repair. Dinner Mrs Tate
with Anderson where C. ultimately
joined me to hear Ruth Drake
as some old Russian anglican
story, and one ineffective answer
... ... make of
the ... soldiers escaping to
England. Knew her is drawing ...
... ...

(left margin, vertical:) ... ...
(right margin, vertical:) ... ...

Wednesday Dec. 10th 1947
Out farm Amberley Station
for first Season ticket
but found it at Victoria.
Tel. Desmond that I have
Hastings coat for Shaw to
try on. Lectured Tafer but
tried to explain that I was
only trying to get him to
declare. Letter McClusky
on Abbie suggesting degree
in holiday and sanatorium
after ... Sanitarium
Lunch Mrs. Tav. and on to flat
where met Mr. Smith's man and
arranged for coat of distemper
throughout and refitting electric
lights. Back to office buying
grapes and oranges (tangerine)
on way. Ate grapes and took
tangerines home for C. Signed
letters and to Amberley 5.30
train. C. had letter fr. Cressida.
Radium put in Cordell's room
April 1939 and given to L. by ...

[illegible]

Thursday Dec 11th 1947
Something happened to my watch
dropped 15 minutes after breakfast
and went on. Late for train [illegible]
signalled Douglas & Mr [illegible]
on Station Road and caught train
with ten minutes to spare. Talk
Evelyn at Station. Thanks
21st birthday party for Alix
Betty Lee in London. Because
of petrol shortage in Country
John is sending it to doctor. But
I said I thought sanitorium
more likely to fix him up.
Worked in train on Symonds
description which actually [illegible]
praised for. John: Board meeting
at office when John behaved
like a wonderful mayor. Can he
ever make anything of him?
Lucy Mortimer & Alick and Shan
burst in on us to their enter-
tainment. Hayley's mauvy
coat seemed to fit him and he
took it [illegible]. Talk: James about
Bruce agreement. Home 5.30
G. still shaken by his [illegible]

Friday December 12th
up 7.15 & breakfast 8.30
Hammond away at 9
and preparing to hire what
we wanted to do & arrange
told Oneals to sell 3 of the
young pigs and keep one
for us to eat. Spent rest
of morning paying bills
etc. After dinner read paper
and when ... went to visit
took Paddy for walk on
the dyke. Had slight
abnormal pains as in my
boyhood. These got more
acutely and I reached Mrs.
James in bed before tea
and then dozed in chair &
fire as needed too.
6.15 A.M. ... a Mr. Creed
who might take cottage and
call Wednesday. 12.30, dined
for dinner. Listened to speeches
by Mr Marshall - ... at Pilgrims

Saturday Dec. 13th 1947

Much milder. Telegrams from Catherine and Alfreda for C's birthday. Came heaps of lovely apples! Lovely grapes. Drove to Dorset and got beer more & stamps. Paid away. Asked Charley to plant lilac bushes. Stamped cards. Sent A. £25. for Christmas. After lunch paid Boswell Gutter done today on island. Read some of Item(?) a little lame. I read James's religious book by Stephenson could not make up mind. At 3.45 took Puss her walk up to farm on downs. Our beast at a Bend in field below Copper set and had to be driven off by pleasant young man. Wondered could get there. Finished religious book after tea. Dressed for dinner. Puss routine and talked late about Rodeino.

Sunday Dec. 14th 1947
washed hair. Another mild
day. Tel. Alix in response
to her call yesterday when I
was out. Wants me to see
her doctor at Hampstead Monday
12.45! C. to Church and
I spent all of morning reading
Dick Seymour's mild memoirs.
Bits of interest as when a woman
employer came into Sir Frank
Lascelles' bed room and woke
him up by sitting on his legs
to tell him how English ghosts
should run the Boer War, and
admired Sir F's pyjamas.
After lunch w. Seymours. Took
Paxie for walk in [illegible]
below Cross Gate. After tea made
up Extra expense account and
to Dick Seymour about his
memoirs. C. in a frenzy tidying up
& [illegible] Christmas [illegible]
Cards from his mother [illegible]
the [illegible] as the [illegible] [illegible]
a [illegible] [illegible] Pabst [illegible].

Monday Dec 15th

Colder and fairly clear.
Wrote — drafts to Calman
re Texaco. Ochs [illegible] C.
at my desk letter and
report written at [illegible]
for him to type and [illegible]
[illegible]. To Strauss [illegible]
[illegible] and had lunch at
[illegible]-Shoe bar. At office
at [illegible]. To [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] he
started discussion. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] for £60. Back to office
and signed letters. Tel. [illegible] AM
[illegible] Cosen who says Alex has had
[illegible] probably result of rheumatic fever
[illegible]. Club meeting. Home 3.18
[illegible] bad pudding by Simon.
[illegible] at de [illegible]. [illegible] C. my
letters to Calman & Christina. She
wrote letters to both. [illegible].

Tuesday Dec 16th
Told Mr Buell to put bed steps
[illegible] discussed [illegible] cut [illegible]
Studied [illegible] list in [illegible].
Copied extra expenses.
Board meeting [illegible] office. Taken
as usual in [illegible] and
[illegible] and [illegible] when he spoke.
James agreed with my suggestion
[illegible] of his [illegible] on
religious [illegible]. [illegible] called
up and asked if she could
[illegible] to [illegible] take
as she had [illegible] in
London. [illegible] would come
[illegible] said [illegible]. Tea
[illegible] doctor thought her heart
not quite right. Lunch [illegible]
Tea and [illegible]. Read [illegible]
of [illegible]. James wanted to [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible]. a
[illegible] attack [illegible]
Tea. [illegible]. Home 5.30
3 months day at home. [illegible]
brought [illegible] dinner. Talk and
[illegible] - bed too late

Wednesday Dec. 17th 1947

up to Aberdeen w. Chris, [illegible]
in ordinary currency as fruit
with pleasure [illegible] they [illegible]
arrival. Said he [illegible]
a [illegible] as wedding present
Started letter to [illegible] C.R.
and [illegible] as [illegible] for all
[illegible] from [illegible] Kissimee
Fla. and is writing this in
weekly. Called Saunders about
wedding. [illegible] Gen. Brooks
[illegible] and discussed Hughes
book. Got candles [illegible]
which proved too small in diameter
also tangerines and Xmas Card
signed letters and long call
[illegible]. Was heavy [illegible]
Liddell-Smith that members
speak freely at Soviet Cabinet
meetings and then Stalin decides.
Mrs Creed [illegible] doctor's widow
came to see Cabin and [illegible]
[illegible]. They [illegible] by
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Thursday Dec 18th 1947

Wet damp day: Finished letter to Helen in Cairo. Stopped at P.O. for Xmas packing made by Alfreda and brought over by her friend Harry Beatty. Stopped in Belfast St. to change candles. Peter arrived at Upper Cross after 7 day. Gave him 10/- and sent out to get a present for Courtney. Later we had luncheon together at Colombo Pk. By this time drizzling rain. To flat & played patience. 1.30 on called back to office tea & signed letter. Home 5.30. Found Children there Alex having arrived taking [illegible] in the drawing and Peter at tea-time. Alex had cold and generally poorly. Press cutting + letters to [illegible]

Friday December 19th 1947
Children rushing around
asking for things & tying up
x-mas parcels. Took Conway
day down to Riley's & got [illegible]
[illegible] I rubbed into Peter's dis-
coloured hair. Cut out x-mas-
tree stand & found ornaments
[illegible] help. [illegible] Sent
[illegible] card of ballet-dancing
to Ernie. Tel. [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] up the banks [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] for while
[illegible] & read [illegible]. After lunch
Peter went shooting but got
nothing. [illegible] [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] stop and shot at [illegible]
[illegible] first [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] he was [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] for an hour [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Saturday Dec 20. 1947

up late. Silent breakfast w/. children. Drove them out of other room and read papers. Smith says Johnson will get us a Turkey for Xmas so told Charley not to kill goose. Down to Spier for money. stamps & beer. paid men & stamped cards. C hemstitches drapes. One week to go to Brighton due to daughter. Children breakfast in drawing room. at lunch told A to make sweets for lunches and dinner and she asked to be paid. Sat w/. C. and made out list of vegetables for seed [illegible]. for [illegible]. Slightly dozed in chair and then took Pasha for walk in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Exchanged amenities w/. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Tea. Dined [illegible]. Children in N. room. Drink after dinner made [illegible] [illegible] and in bed 10.30

Sunday Dec. 21st 1947

Looked at Webber Ill. Com N. after breakfast. C & I & Chris spoke of Kallups about host... They were all come about 5-30. C & I walked in garden. Came in changed into old clothes. Cut monstera and lilies. Talk. Her ... says her ... get by ... She must do ... Suggests interpreter for ... She must go abroad and learn languages. She talked at first. Then seemed to feel ill. Took 15 grains aspirin and went to lie down. I dozed in lounge till G went to rest and then took ... for ... on down. Saw ... put him on leap. Met Mrs Baker ... 3 ... a dog ... made scones for tea ... etc. After dinner ... Likes it. ...

Monday Dec. 22nd 1941
I started for 9.19 train to
London but Douglas stalled
by High Barn & when we begged
a lift from Lee's car passing
that stalled too and we missed
train. I walked towards Stake while
waiting for 10.10 & noticed [illegible]
church school looking healthy
and Ambulance Stn & Laughton village
hall. Bus also up by 10.10 to
[illegible] & get Cont. W. draft
letters & train [illegible] Donald
suggesting [illegible] flat for [illegible]
[illegible] permanent, [illegible]
[illegible] signed letter. [illegible]
[illegible] fr. [illegible]
[illegible] bee going to Robin. Xmas
[illegible] Shaun [illegible] chestnuts
tangerines [illegible]
grapes. To flat and paid balance
[illegible] painting. Cat [illegible]
[illegible] much. Packed up ready for
[illegible] holiday. Wished staff
happy Xmas & [illegible] on 5.30
Met by Douglas & got 2 day cycle
at station hotel. [illegible]
Spent a hour and a quarter!
Pleasant evening [illegible] Alex
Cox [illegible] & bed early.

up as usual though not going to [illegible]

Tuesday DECEMBER 23 [illegible]

Cooked at Nuneyautis after [illegible]
adjustements [illegible] very
[illegible]. Eva brought [illegible]
and made up [illegible]. I [illegible]
cranberries & sugar [illegible]
to make jelly. Paid bills [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] O.B.
after [illegible] call [illegible] Hammond
[illegible] for [illegible] Company
[illegible] that [illegible] have to [illegible]
[illegible] garage [illegible] [illegible]
can be [illegible] and will
try to get [illegible] for making
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Neva's
Cookie from Cathy [illegible]
Peter [illegible] brought [illegible]
[illegible] and started [illegible] it.
Took [illegible] for walk [illegible]
after [illegible]. [illegible] talked
about the [illegible] going [illegible]
to [illegible] [illegible] Time. After dinner
Peter to bed early! Alix went to
see [illegible] as usual.
I made a batch of [illegible]
out of [illegible] and
usual [illegible]. Talk
C. and bed 1:30

Wednesday 24th December 1947

up 7.15. The electric stove / brought from Cottage from [illegible] so Smith put back the [illegible], Polar [illegible] in [illegible] for C. Humphreys on road. Set up Xmas tree with [illegible] help of Peter and interested observation [illegible] Alex. Call for Tom Duff [illegible] & [illegible] and tells me they need [illegible] for 7 years. Down [illegible] for stamps [illegible] Cup. [illegible] - [illegible] meet practice for Carols. Told Peter not to strum on the piano as he is not going on with his music at school. After lunch paid bills. Took Pansil for walk on [illegible]. [illegible] Cross Gate and walking back lost him by [illegible] and he came home first. Tea. Children trimmed tree very nicely. We never before had so nice Christmas as [illegible]. Drinks before dinner. Pansil routine

Thursday December 25th
1947
Heard Peter at 6 o'c looking
at his stocking filled by
Alex. C. gave Lesson of
[illegible]. Peter had been
to early Communion and
we all went to church.
I asked Baldwins to come to
our tea but they were going
to Dennis. C & I walked in
garden and I picked violets
and spray of winter jasmine
which Alex brought. Lunch
for children with cheques for
£5. Marvellous Xmas luncheon
turkey cranberry sauce chestnuts
apples plum pudding & hard sauce
but I didn't. Took Peter for
walk in rain in [illegible].
Back for tea but couldn't
eat anything. Made rum punch
and cocktails. Alex made little
presents. Xmas tree on. Evelyn. Ann
Lorraine. Chris. Miranda. David &
Peter & Dominic & Ethel. Lorraine gave
me little glass salt cellar. Cold
supper weather [illegible] Pam [illegible]

Friday December 26th 1947

Took Swiss Calendar from Marguerite to Father for Xmas. Spent morning writing up H.P.G. reports. Alex in office made me cause I asked her to come back from her luncheon with Chalcotts (Emmit's Mother!) in time to pay Major Mr. Simmons. Then Effie came [illegible]. I had a talk and she realized that 3:30 was [illegible] and she became cheerful. Said she could stay here till Lawrence goes back on Jan. 6th. Worked on my reports till after four and then took Paasch for walk. Rick [illegible], Peter and Alex and Elbridge, Alex and sister her brother in his house. They brought back Effie and Elfie. [illegible] quarts [illegible] Mr. Peter. [illegible] children did not want [illegible] stuff. Mrs. Smith had gone home. We had the [illegible] for dinner

Saturday December 27th 1924
up 6.15 and made boiler
fire and all four had hot
baths. Worked all morning
arranging or E.J. files according
to writers and dates. Peter out
shooting but got nothing but wet.
Alex writing letters. E. writing her
book. New years card from [illegible]
and [illegible] thanking her and explaining
that my card [illegible] [illegible]
birthday one [illegible]. [illegible]
got [illegible]. Gladys [illegible] to
lunch. Got [illegible] from Charles
[illegible] he had [illegible] [illegible]
rain. Left [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] to my [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] for [illegible]. Rain
had stopped. [illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible] to our [illegible] that
they were coming to call at 5.30
and then telephoned again that
visitor had arrived and they
couldn't. Smith came back
with his mill daughter this morning
worked on #5 a paper. Peter and
Alex to dance at Wilson. Both
looked handsome, Ann [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] came home at 12.30. good time.

Sunday Dec. 23rd 1917

Called 7.05. up 7.30. Find
that lying in bed makes me feel
tired. Spent whole morning
working on H.P.J. report
I did not go to church
but worked on the book.
I went out for exercise
at 12.45 and returned back
to Black House. Both children
continued at luncheon. Went
on with H.P.J. reports
after lunch till 4.30.
Barbara Wilson called up late
before lunch and asked him to
dinner Monday night. He objected.
I suggested dressing up.
at my H.P.J. till 4. Then
Cassel for walk & left
[illegible] enough & pay
[illegible] for Christmas [illegible]
[illegible] talked of peace
[illegible] death and [illegible]
[illegible]. Back for tea. [illegible]
After dinner. thought
[illegible] out [illegible] they had

Monday Dec. 29th 1947

~~Birthday~~ of Catherine - Pink much calder. Charley gave me 8.0.8 for gees of gave Annie £ I. Worked on P.P.G. in Ireland. Taken Matthews at Amherst Star. Wae Lt. out at Office - a called up Amherst yesterday and said still ill and Lou to Brighton. Sent LS Lax. News of Wedding of Stephanie. Work on P.P.G. finished it before lunch. Tel Mrs Drummond Duke Lt Collins Secretary. Lunch Colonels Cut not good. Smaller like morning and dry chunk meat. S. and letters. Shop of water like and pussy-willows at V. Stores and left them at Colk Boswell's for Cecil's funeral. Colonels gone. Peter and Alex at Coffee party at Vicarage

Tuesday Dec. 30th 1947
W. Burkitt in train: Freight [illegible] season ticket.
Finally got off all the J.P.G. stuff to Mr Nottingham.
Dictated to Miss Brown.
Mr MacG. still away.
Lunch with C.K. Ogden who has an old Georgian house in the county of Buxton which he wants to sell but does not ... & ... is ... in ... room with ... got ... Luncheon & ... Hair Cut. Signed letters. Home 5.30. Took jar of eggs in ... in one hand and ... so as to have both hands occupied in passing wicket-without ... on platform ... and ... all ... clothes ... hat ... Finally home ...

Wednesday Jan 31st

Put ginger in glass jar and
filled up with Rose-hip syrup
to as good as ever. [illegible]
~~[illegible]~~ Desmond + Kipling [illegible]
in train. James [illegible] still
[illegible] Miss Brown. Lunch
Claridges Mr. [illegible] and
Duke of Bedfords secretary
and discussed his [illegible]
[illegible] thought there we
should have bonuses instead
of increasing salaries and
perhaps a 150% dividend.
W. Bruce in chair [illegible] £100
and Thanks for dinner. [illegible]
[illegible] better humour. Took him
[illegible] [illegible] left [illegible] 6.4
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] back in good spirits. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and not [illegible]
[illegible] New year day. Alex [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Thursday Jan 1st 1948
up to Sheridan wi. 6
see next book

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St. James L. I.

Cast cards
4 Sept — J. Lidd.

Post cards.

July 15 Carol Baby
Clement Dickenson
16 Miss Clark
18 Miss Mead
18 Mrs Marshall
19 Mrs Trevelyan
19 Paul
24 Mrs F. Miller
Evelyn Emmet
Angela Bull
25 Catharine
26 Mr Burton
27 John H.
Aug 4 Charley B.
8 Maude Raydon
12 Florence Elmes
14 Peter

Post Cards

Aug 15 Mrs Hack
15 Pierre
19 Brace
Tommy Pennington
21 Kay
Mr Dobson
Mrs Cook
Alix
David Mack Goode
A Martin
22 Curry
Leslie
Mrs Hack
24 André Durrung
28 Catharine
Mr Boss
31 F. Miller Jr, David Scott Thomas
J. Mac C., Charly Butler

1947 LETTERS

Feb. 9 Alfreda
Feb. 17 John Sgeswin
19 Helen C.B.
19 Alix
25 Peter
27 Martyn
27 Mr Bell
Mar 7 Helen C.B.
14 " "
17 " "
24 " "
21 Mrs Missmann
31 Helen C.B.
May 3 Helen C.B.
5 Cholmeley Butler
13 Jimmy
Peter
23 Alfreda
29 Helen C.B.
Alfreda
Peter

June 8. W. Marguerite
11 Paul
15 Helen C. B.
18 Helen C. B.
July 9 James Mac C.
Darlington
Evelyn
[redacted]
Chenchinust
Mrs Monk
Charley
11 Hampton
Mr Bell
12 John Sessions
James Mac C
Peter
13 Evans
Helen C. B.
14 Aunt Margaret
James Mac C.

15 Lennox Robinson
16 J. L. H.
17 Catharine
18 James Mac C.
Leslie
22 John Huntington
Marguerite Horton.
24 Peter
J. Mac C.
25 Lennox R.
James Mac C.
Helen C. B.
26 Mrs Barton
Mr Hutchinson
28 J. Mac C.
Bence,
Peter
30 J. Mac C.

31 Dick Seymour
31 J. Mac Q.
1 Olivia Ennis
2 Mrs Hawk
3 John
Lennox
4 Peter, Courtney
5 Leslie
Marguerite
10 John H.
12 Peter
14 Courtney
16 ~~Barrett~~
21 Peter 27 Pierre
25 Mr Coates
28. Helen C. B
30 Peter M. Barton
Cabrerón

31 Martyrs Skinner
Sept 4 J. R. H.
3 Evelyn
~~Alix~~
4 John H. Browns
5 Una Drage
6 Peter
Mr Bell
Nat Prov Bank
11 Alix
Evelyn
Nat Prov.
Mrs Cook
12 Mrs Cook
15 Helen C. B
Mr Coates, Marguerite
Oct 6 Alfreda, 15 Helen C. B.
9 Pierre, 17 Alix & Peter
19 Thomas, 19 Alfreda

Oct 27 Thomas
28 T. L. H.
29 Una Drage
T. L. H.
Mrs Urquhart
30 Alfreda
Nov 4 Catharine, 10 Margaret
Dec 2 Helen C. B
4 Charley B.
18 Helen C. B
23 Helen C. B.
30 H B H